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The Launch Winslow

The Winslow is a gasoline boat 21 feet long, beam six feet five inches and a draft of 27 inches. The boat will seat 10 people comfortably, but more if needed. She has a square stern and is painted white outside and buff inside. The rest of the boat is varnish work.

The engine is a four cylinder Sterling 25-30 horse power with a reverse gear and has the high tension magneto system for ignition. A gear pump driven from the cam shaft circulates the oil through the distributing line to each main bearing. The circulation water pump is of the centrifugal type which runs from the shaft. For starting the engine a bar is used, which is inserted in the fly wheel. Gasoline is fed to the engine, by means of gravity from a 28 gallon tank located under the bow. The engine is placed a little aft from the center of the boat. Directly in front of the engine is a large seat with a varnished oak back, which will seat four people; another seat is built across the stern, and there are two other seats in the bow that could be taken out if need be. A gunwale of three quarter inch oak runs around the entire boat. There are three bows of one and a quarter inch brass piping that set up over the boat, arranged so that a canvas top goes over the boat in the shape of an arch. This canvas is used to a great many advantages, such as a shade from the sun, keeping the rain out, and most of all it is very useful when the water is rough. On each side of the boat amidships is a bunker. In one are kept the various tools used about the engine, spark plugs, wire and marlin, in the other a fog horn, running lights and a set of oarlocks, and a small quantity of cotton waste. In the stern of the boat is another bunker much larger than the other two, in which the storage batteries are kept, also a can of oil and a set of dry cells in case of emergency. When running at night a red and green light is fitted into the bow, and a white light on a staff aft. Another light may be plugged in near the engine if needed. The sockets for the light are fitted into the side of the boat; each socket has a brass cap over it so as to protect the terminals from the weather. Power for the lights are carried in a six volt storage battery. This battery also serves the purpose of starting the engine, after which it runs from the magneto.

At night the boat lies off the south side of the Wharf and is held by a line running from an anchor line to her bow bit, around the port side into her stern bit, thence to the Wharf where she is made fast. She then lies a good way away from the Wharf with her bow pointing out into the wind so she will ride the waves.

My duty is to keep the boat in good running condition. I scrub the inside and outside quite often and shine the brass every day. I rub the engine down when any oil accumulates and keep the decks washed clean. I make all the trips with the instructor, and make out all the boat reports. Samuel L. Whitehead

Preparing the Hot Beds

This morning when the boys were lined up in the barn to be told their different duties, the instructor put me in charge of the hot beds.

Our hot beds are concrete, 24 feet long and six and a half feet wide. The first step towards making a hot bed is to remove the old soil and rake it level. Then about three loads of manure are thrown into it. Manure when in a pile or packed thickly will produce combustion which will produce heat. Then four inches of good rich loam is strewn evenly over it so as to cover the manure. A thermometer is placed in the soil to register the temperature. Hot bed sashes are placed over it to keep the heat inside. It is left that way until the temperature reaches 70° and then the seed is planted.

It is generally watered every morning and the ground loosened so as to let the air around the roots. At night the hot bed sashes forming the roof are put on. The temperature is to be kept near 70°. Altogether, I think the job is a good one.

SEYMOUR C. MCFADYEN

A Joyful Evening

On the afternoon of April 16th, we saw the first Nantasket steamer pass down the Harbor. We were all very glad to see it for it meant a Visiting Day soon. From that day on every Monday and Thursday evening when we assembled in chapel, we were anxiously hoping that Mr. Bradley would announce the first visiting day. At last on the evening of May 2, Mr. Bradley talked to us a little while and then he said, "Now about Visiting Day." Everybody held his breath while Mr. Bradley said, "I know you are not interested but it must be announced sometime. It is to be May 12." Immediately every boy was clapping his hands as hard as he could. We always look forward to the first visiting day for we have not seen our friends since last October. It means much to us.

CLIFTON E. ALBEE

Transplanting Shrubs

One day before school, Mr. Brown told some boys to go over to the nursery and dig out some plants. First we began about two feet out from the bottom and dug down, and then got in under the plants with a shovel to pry them up. We were careful not to harm the roots. Then they were taken up to the house in a cart and transplanted in the holes that were dug there for them. Plenty of water was put on to pack down the dirt and help the plant to grow.

SLANLEY W. HIGGINS

A Spelling Match

Quite often, Friday afternoons, we have a spelling match in our school room for reviewing words we have learned to spell. First we choose two captains. They in turn choose sides. Sometimes we take our seats when we fail. Sometimes we choose men from the opposite side. This lasts about half an hour. We enjoy this review very much.

RUSSELL F. METCALF

Pictures of the Civil War

On the bulletin board in the first schoolroom there are two pictures of the Civil War. One is about a camp that looks quiet, but is filled with a perfect hub-bub. Some of the men are resting, others telling jokes or playing cards Here and there rises a song, "Do they miss me at home — do they miss me?" This camp might have been one of the many camps that stretched for sixty miles in the Union lines.

The other picture is a snap-shot of the dead at Gettysburg. At this place one of the fiercest battles of the war took place. The Union soldiers won, but they had to pay a great price, for 3,063 Union soldiers fell.

We all like to study about the Civil War, for it marks a great epoch in the history of our country.

GEORGE D. RUSSELL

Getting Dinner

The kitchen boys take turns getting the boys' dinner. Last Thursday it was my turn. The dinner consisted of fried liver, mashed potatoes, and mashed turnips. First the potatoes were brought up and scrubbed, and were then pared and put in the steam cooker. I went into the Stock Room and got the turnips; these also were washed and put in the steam cooker. At half past ten I started to fry the liver. With the help of the other boys the potatoes were mashed and sent into the dining-room and also the turnips. At 11:30 the dinner was on the table ready to be eaten. GEORGE A. ADAMS

The Sorting Grounds

The sorting grounds is a piece of land located in the south-west corner of the Island. It is in a hollow surrounded by Oak Knoll on the north, the main dike on the west and south, and Lyman Grove and the marsh, on the east.

It is a place where all sorts of material is taken to be sorted or remain until needed. such as ashes, loam, sod, some drift wood, logs, piles. old trees, lumber and other material. We have been sorting and cleaning up the different kinds of things. We started in by making a pile of wood that could be used in the bakery, another pile that could be used for pig pens, a pile of 5 foot planks, a pile of 10 foot planks, a pile of short logs and a pile of wood that was rotten or couldn't be used.

After all the sorting had been done, the small pieces of wood were raked into piles. These piles were taken away by a dump cart and put in the incinerator to be burned, as wood ashes make an excellent fertilizer.

EDWARD V. OSBERG

A Striped Warbler

One day while I was tree inspecting on the front lawn, I heard a bird sound. At first, I thought it was surely a woodpecker, but I found it was a bird with black and white stripes. It was a warbler. He was very quick in getting the insects off the tree and at the least sound he would look around to see if any dangers were lurking beneath or behind him. The bell rang and it frightened him away. I have never seen him since.

ALBERT A. PETERSON

Planting Trees

One morning I helped plant some small elm trees on one side of Highland Road. First we went over to the nursery where we found a good elm, and dug a trench around it about two feet wide and three feet deep, and about two feet away from the trunk of the tree. After we had dug down three feet we dug in under the tree. We put the tree in a large two wheeled cart and took it over to Highland Road and planted it. After this was done we trimmed it. We did this to quite a number of trees.

LEANDER E. DOREY

The Barge

Lately we have been painting and repairing the barge. We first scraped it to get the barnacles off. From the water line up it is painted white and below it is painted with copper paint. The name of the barge is the "John Alden." We use it for getting grain, flour, live stock and it is also used to carry people and we take barge rides in it. The barge is towed by the steamer "Pilgrim," to which it is made fast.

STANLEY W. HIGGINS

Digging a Drain Ditch

In the corral over at the South End of our Island, there is a large place that fills with water. This has to be drained off. There is a main ditch running through the corral, which takes this surface water to the tide gate in the South End. This ditch became clogged and it was necessary to make it larger and deeper, also to dig some small ditches to drain off the water and carry it to the main ditch so it would go through the tide gate. This main ditch is from one to one and one half feet deep but has to be kept clean or it will soon clog up.

PHILIP F. LEARY

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Many times we hear boys—and older people, too—explain: "I guess I did it as well as he did, anyway," and they seem well satisfied with themselves. How well the other boy had done his work does not appear—none too well, perhaps.

What a low standard the boy who thus speaks has set for himself! He measures himself and his own endeavors by the one next to him, perhaps one more careless and with less ability than he himself possesses. Hazily he may think to himself that when the time comes for his life work, then he really will try hard—at present it does not matter.

If he could but realize that as he does now, so are his habits formed, and these habits will give his future work a sure foundation on which to rest. A man who has wasted his early opportunities may succeed, but just so much harder will be his struggle.

Probably all young people wish and expect some day to be a success in some line or other. To live our lives rightly we should have success. Our work, by which we shall be judged, will speak for us. We should earn the reputation of doing things well. To obtain such real success we must work for it. If one is trying to be a good artist, a good banker or a good bricklayer, he must learn to be industrious and careful; he must cultivate a painstaking exactness and it will work wonders for him. All opportunities of the present to form useful habits should be made the most of—the time is all too short. To do as well as the next man is not enough—one must do better. Not that one should have the vulgar desire to get ahead of the other person—that isn't the point. But the average person is not a hard worker, nor is he painstaking, and he is not really a success. His work is so poor

that it cannot be taken as a standard if one is to satisfy his ambition. With greater effort the average man might have carried himself much farther.

Another has said:

"There are so many ways in which one can explain failures. It is human nature to make mistakes, one assures himself; the world expects a young man to be less acquainted with its tricks, easier to befool, to be of less value in all positions requiring not only natural ability but years of training. The man who makes mistakes, errors of judgement, says: "Others would have done the same, I am only human." Yet within himself he feels that he is more clever than other men. He feels ill-used. In reality he has found his level. He has played for recognition as being more than an everyday man. He has made a mistake. This has no reflection on him—it only proves that he's an ordinary man. There are many such; the highways swarm with them.

"His chief has been looking for the exceptional man, and has found the rule. The young man is not expected to outdo his seniors. If he does, he makes his name—he proves his worth—he succeeds. If he doesn't, he is like the other men—responsibility will not be given him; he must wait and grow into it. He is ordinary. To be better than you are expected to be, to be able to handle a situation by common sense in lieu of experience, no matter how important it is—that is success. To do less means simply that you are like the rest. And that to an ambitious man means failure."

Therefore let not our ideal be the next boy, if he be the usual boy. Let us have an ideal of our own far beyond that to govern our work, and let us carry this ideal in our minds. It will pay in the long run, to say nothing of the mental satisfaction there must be in knowing one has done his best.

Calendar

April 1 Repairing potato sprayer. Running manure spreader. Sorting potatoes.

John A. Robertson, '15, here overnight.

April 2 Walter S. Hall, Jr., '14, here for the afternoon.

Howard F. Lochrie, '16, here for over Sunday.

April 3 Mr. Bradley and Mr. Brown went to look at horses.

April 4 Picking up stones in fields. Working in hot beds and garden. Digging in East Side tide gate.

April 5 Working on strawberry beds and hot beds. Sowing peas near Farm House.

Mr. Britton here to examine conditions of bees, and to put their hives in shape for summer.

April 6 Sowing garden peas.

April 7 President Arthur Adams, and Managers Robert H. Gardiner, Jr., and Karl Adams visited the School.

Working on strawberry bed.

April 8 Picking stones from North End. Dressed a hog.

April 9 Digging on East Side tide gate.

April 10 A man here to examine and put in shape printing-presses in printing-office.

April 12 Sowing peas. Harrowing back of cottages.

April 13 Drawing large stones from North End. Killed pig weighing 223 lbs. Cultivating rhubarb and berries near Farm House.

April 14 Advertising folders concerning the School sent out.

The launch "Winslow" put in the water.

Working on grape-vines and rhubarb bed. Working on East Side tide gate.

April 15 Drawing manure to North End.

The scow "John Alden" put in the water.

April 16 Working on East Side tide gate and ditches.

George Buchan, '97, here over Sunday.

April 18 Cleaning barn and harnesses. Sorting potatoes. Baled bags and paper.

April 19 Harrowed back of cottages and at North End.

George Buchan, '97, here for the afternoon.

April 20 A pair of horses, recently purchased, came to the Island. Weight: horse, 1340 lbs., mare, 1310 lbs.

April 21 Howard B. Ellis, '98, here with workmen, starting work of repairing roofs and gutters.

Harrowed at North End and back of cottages. Working on rhubarb and grape vines.

A band concert in the evening, followed by dancing.

April 23 Drawing manure to garden. Working on strawberry bed.

April 25 Eight tons of fertilizer came.

April 26 Commenced seeding three and four-fifths acres of oats back of cottages.

April 27 Finished seeding back of cottages. Ten tons of lime came. Repairing corral fence.

April 28 Manager Tucker Daland here for the afternoon.

Spreading ashes on land south-east of Root Cellar. Spreading lime on piece between Observatory Hill and Farm House.

April 29 Spreading ashes on land north of Cemetery and on Observatory Hill. Spreading lime on land east of Observatory. Finished corral fence.

April 30 Sorting potatoes, sifting ashes, cleaning harnesses. Veterinary here to see the black horse, Dick. Dehorned the bull, Golden Secret's Mememto, and cow No. 143.

Leonard M. Langton, ex '18, here for the afternoon.

James A. Carson, '20, left the School (the second time) to live with his sister in Lowell.

Calendar 50 Years Ago 1871

(As Kept By The Superintendent)

April 1 The boys are wide awake this morning and up to all manner of tricks. We do not restrain them. Let them have all the fun they can.

April 7 Pleasant but P. M. very windy from S. W. Went to City with Emma; coming home carried away foremast.

April 21 Another fine day; busy as bees on farm in various directions.

April Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 81° on the 15th.

Minimum Temperature 33° on the 8th.

Mean Temperature for the month 48°.

Total precipitation 2.59 inches.

Greatest precipitation in 24 hours .91 inches on the 29th and 30th.

Six days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 14 clear days, 6 partly cloudy, 10 cloudy.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Cash on hand April 1, 1921	$849.95
Deposited during the month	19.79
	$869.74
Withdrawn during the month	132.27
Cash on hand May 1, 1921	$737.47

Vacation Time

Our school year consists of four terms, summer, fall, winter and spring. We have a month's vacation after the spring term, beginning after graduation, and a week after the other terms. As we go to school half a day and work the other half, when vacation comes we have the school hours for our play time except sometimes in the summer. We go to school 45 weeks each year.

John H. Schippers

Raking Gravel

This afternoon I was told to go down behind Gardner Hall and rake the gravel there. While raking I made piles of the stones that I raked up, and these I took down on the dike. All the walks about the buildings have gravel spread on them, so it keeps us busy raking to make it look well.

Hildreth R. Crosby

Two New Horses

Wednesday, April 20, I was one of eight boys chosen to go to City Point to get two new horses. The barge, "John Alden" was towed over by the steamer to bring them back. We landed at the Public Landing first, to get Mr. Bradley. He then took charge of everything. He immediately backed off and ran the barge gently ashore, not far from the Landing. The barge's stern line was made fast to the steamer's bit, so she would'nt drift off on the coming tide. The barge's bow lines were next taken ashore and a gangway and a guard rail run from the deck to the beach. The guard rail was to make it safer, as the horses would come aboard more easily. Sand was then thrown down on the gangway so the horses wouldn't slip. Then they were led aboard. They came on without any trouble.

After hauling the gangway and guard rail aboard, the barge was quickly pulled astern and the lines made fast to the steamer. Then we swung around and started on our return trip. The horses acted splendidly. They gave scarcely any trouble whatever. When we reached the Island the barge was again run aground, the gangway and guardrail put ashore, and the horses led off. They had come to The Farm and Trades School, and were next taken to the barn, which was to be their new home, and put up for the night.

SAMUEL L. WHITEHEAD

Maps in the First Schoolroom

In our schoolroom we have six different maps showing all the continents. We have a map about four feet wide, it shows two hemispheres besides the ocean currents, steamship lines, mountains and the large bodies of water. The other maps show different continents and countries as follows: North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia. We have these maps for reference and study.

ROBERT J. GIESE

Choosing up for Baseball

For a long time the boys have been looking forward to the day when we would choose up for baseball. On Tuesday, the 19th of April, Mr. Brown told the boys that we would choose up that night. We filed down to the East Basement and there the school team, or the boys who received cups last year, nominated four boys to be captains. Then the other boys nominated four. After this was done, we voted for the different candidates. A boy could vote only for one candidate. After four cut of eight were chosen for captains, we voted again to see who would get the different teams. When each captains had been assigned to his team he got a name list and each captain went to a corner of the room. It has been the custom to give the captain of Team D first choice, then C, B and A. The boys are chosen in this order until all the boys who wanted to play were chosen. We then took our seats and a few minutes later went to bed.

THEODORE B. HADLEY

Preparing the Ground

At this time of year the farmers are busy getting the ground ready for planting. One of the many things we do is to spread wood ashes on the land. The poorest wood that comes ashore is taken over to the Incinerator and burned to ashes and is then carted away and spread on the land. This helps make the ground fertile.

DESMOND ANDERSON

Kitchen Duty

Thier are four kitchen boys that take turns at getting up at five o'clock in the morning. The work consists of taking out the ashes from the stove and taking them down behind the Power House to the ash pile. When I come back I fill four coal hods with coal. Then I fill the tea kettles and put them on the stove to boil. By this time the kitchen instructor comes in and I help her get the breakfast. At six thirty I go to my breakfast.

ROGER K. SMITH

The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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Dorchester

Howard F Lochrie, '16, Historian
West Roxbury

William N. Hughes, '59, spent the winter in Florida.

Charles A. Smith. '69, died at his home, 366 Putnam Street, Cambridge, on March 3, in his 67th year, following an illness of about a year. He was born in New Braintree, on Feb. 27, 1854, and entered the school on Nov. 24, 1866. He graduated on April 27, 1869. For the past 30 years he had been employed by the Cambridge Electric Light Company, and was an expert electrician. He was one of the most enthusiastic members of the Alumni Association and one of the most regular at its meetings. He is survived by a wife and two daughters. Funeral services were held at his late home on March 5, and burial was at West Brookfield.

Edward A. Wallace, '77, (Edward Maines) died at his home, 6 Walnut Street, Boston, on Dec. 23, as a result of an operation. He was born in Jersey City, N. J., March 12, 1855, and was admitted to the school on June 11, 1872. In the school band he played the drum. After leaving the school he became a chef, but for the past 11 year he had been night watchman at the store of R. H. Stearns, Co., in Boston. He is survived by a brother, Frank.

Henry A. Fox, '79, deputy chief of the Boston Fire Department, was given the important commission by the Fire Commissioner of going to New York to arrange for the transfer of the U. S. sub-chaser from that harbor to Boston, where it will be used in the work of the fire department. He also made an inspection of New York's high pressure system, as he is in charge of Boston's high pressure system.

William F. King, '84, has removed from Chelsea, where he lived for many years, to a new home which he has bought in Malden.

Albert E. Spencer, '86, of Waltham, now has the title of "pastor," and is preaching under the auspices of the International Bible Students Association.

Norman W. Darling, '16, of 218 Elm Street, Everett, is now employed at the Malden branch of the Cobb, Bates and Yerxa Company.

Norman R. Wyatt, '16, is working as agent for The American Products Company, of Cincinnati, Ohio. Norman is establishing routes through Amesbury, Salisbury and Newburyport. He buys wholesale and sells retail such articles as flowers, spices, foodstuffs, toilet articles, etc.

Donald W. Ellis, '20, who has had trouble with his hip, reports that he is feeling much better, and his appearance bears out this report. He expects that he may still have some slight trouble, but hopes the worst is over. Donald lives at 135 Elm Street, Everett.

Laurence T. Unwin, '20, is working in Malden, and attending evening school, where he takes up mechanical drawing and machine construction. Laurence hopes to attend Wentworth Institute later.

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Beacon Routine

The Beacon is made up of articles which the boys write each week. The boys get their subjects from their work, play and various other things concerning the School. The articles are written during the school hours and the teachers mark the articles as part of the English and spelling lessons. Sometimes two boys write on the same subject and the best article of the two is used. After the teachers correct the articles, they are copied by the boys and sent to the office. Here they are sorted and the best ones on subjects most needed are sent to the Printing Office where they are again looked over and made ready for "setting up."

The Beacon articles are "set up" in a "stick," which is a steel frame that has a moveable edge which can be set to any width desired. The Beacon is "set" in 16 measure. The title of each article is "set" in 10 point Bradley, and the body in 10 point Cushing. When the stick is full it is lifted out and set in a galley. A galley is a tray for holding the type. It is either made of steel or brass and made in different sizes. It has three edges which hold the type in place. A proof may now be taken on the proof press. The proof press is two feet, eight inches high, three feet long and one foot wide, with an iron top and a roller also of iron, which runs in a groove an inch above the iron table. The galley is put on the iron table and the ink is put on by a small hand roller. A long strip of paper is then wet and laid on top of the type. The roller is then just a little lower than the type and when rolled over the paper takes an impression on it. This proof is then read over by the instructor and he marks the mistakes. These corrections are made and another proof is taken and sent to the office.

It is then read over for final corrections. If there are no more mistakes to be found, the proofs are returned O. K. 'd. The type is now made into pages and ready to be printed.

The pages are "locked up" in a steel frame, 14 by 22 inches, called a chase. They are "locked up" two pages together in this order: pages 1-8, 2-7, 3-6, 4-5, and put on the press. The press is a Colts Armory Universal and will take 1500 impressions an hour at full speed, 1000 on middle and 600 on low. There are 1050 Beacons printed each month.

When the pages are dry they are "jogged up" and the folding begins, after which they are inserted and are ready for stitching. After two stitches have been taken, the Beacons are counted out in piles of 50 and trimmed; a quarter of an inch taken off all around, leaving the finished Beacon 10 by 6 3-4 inches

Now the Beacons are sent to the office, where they are wrapped, addressed and stamped and made ready for distribution. The boys and instructors are given a Beacon and some are kept on file for various uses.

James B. Rouse

The Trial

Last Wednesday evening, May 18, 1921, a trial was held in the East Basement for the purpose of trying the boys who get arrested for certain misdeeds, such as playing marbles on Sunday, disturbing the peace, etc. The trial began about 7.50 p. m. and closed about 8.30 p. m. Several boys were tried. First the clerk read the notice pertaining to the trial. Then he read a warrant for the arrest of the boy. The judge calls the boy forward and asks him if he is guilty or not guilty. If he is found guilty, he is sentenced, or fined. If he pleads not guilty, his case is tried before a jury.

When the trial is over, the judge asks if there is anything more to come before the meeting. If there is nothing else someone will move the meeting be adjourned, and if it is seconded by the majority, the meeting is adjourned.

CHESTER W. BUCHAN

Stripping Basket Willows

One morning the farm instructor told five boys and myself to go over near the Root Cellar and strip willows. There is a plank that is set across two saw horses. On the plank at one end are two steel curved rods that come together near the top and widen at the bottom. The willows are pulled between these rods, which loosens the bark from the branch. One boy sits on the plank and pulls the willows between the bars, while the other boys strip the loosened bark from the branch. They were put on the Root Cellar roof to dry. When they are dry they are put in the Storage Barn. We use them for making baskets.

WILLIAM E. ERICSSON

Plants

When plants are transplanted they should be watered until the dirt begins to settle, then you can tell that the roots are firmly packed in the soil, and in all probability will live. A plant should never be watered when the sun is shining because the heat of the sun will make the water hot and burn the leaves so consequently the plant will die.

ROGER K. SMITH

Tree Inspecting

Saturday afternoon, two other boys and myself went tree inspecting. We took jack-knives and a saw.

We started on the front lawn cutting suckers and dead limbs from the trees with the knives and saw. The suckers are not useful or ornamental so we cut them close to the trunk of the tree. We also found quite a few insects' nests and gathered these so the little eggs could not hatch out and injure the foliage on our trees later in the spring.

We found many tree borers working and we got quite a few of them. It didn't seem very long before the bell rang, then some of our insects' nests were put under glass to allow them to hatch out and the others were burned.

ALBERT A. PETERSON

The Cottage Row Flagpole

After the trial the boys who were sentenced to work began to do so at once, to reduce their hours. Another boy and I had the job of taking down the flagpole on Cottage Row. We first dug a small trench around it and gradually increased it in size. We piled all the dirt on one side of the hole and made a small pile of stones. After awhile we had dug far enough, and Mr. Brown and several other boys helped us take the pole out. From there we took it to Gardner Hall to be scraped and painted. A ball will also be made for the top.

PHILIP F. LEARY

Watering the Lawn

Before school Mr. Brown told me to get two lengths of hose and fasten them to the hydrant. After doing this I put a nozzle on the other end. This is full of many holes, so the water goes out in a spray. We do this to keep the grass fresh and green. JAMES B. SCOTT

Sorting Potatoes

We are in the midst of the planting season. One morning I sorted potatoes for seed. We picked out the best ones. They are smooth with plenty of eyes. When we fill the pail we dump the potatoes in a bag. We do eight or nine bags during the morning.

DONALD MCKENZIE

Repairing the Steam Engine

A short while ago we were told there would be no power. A man was coming to repair the Ames steam engine. It was found that many new parts had to be ordered as the old ones were badly worn. We put her in as good repairs as possible until the new parts arrived, which was about a month later. The new parts which came were metalic packing for the rod, two bushings and pin for the governor, one set of boxes for the crank and cross head, one pin for cross head, one pin for rocker arm, one pump rod, one valve rod and two eccentric ends. The first thing that he did was to remove all the parts from the engine. After these were removed they were cleaned with kerosene and the new parts were fitted. After all the parts were well fitted we started to put the parts together. While the steam engine was out of use we used the gas engine for power.

LUKE W. B. HALFYARD

Painting Screens

Every spring the screens are put on the buildings. This year it was thought best to paint them before they were put on. Screen paint is used for this. It is a very thin paint and does not fill up the holes. One coat of paint is usually enough.

STANLEY W. HIGGINS

Planting Onions

One afternoon I was told to go over to the gardens and plant onions. The furrows were all dug. First I dropped fertilizer in the furrows and then I hoed a little dirt over the fertilizer. Then I took a few onion seeds in my hand and planted them a half an inch apart. After each row was done I raked over some soil; I also raked off the stones. I did three rows and another boy helped me on the fourth row.

HAROLD B. BUCHAN

Baseball Practice

Each team in baseball has a certain time each week when it practices. When the boys are excused they get the bats, gloves, etc., and go to the playground. The captain of the team whose turn it is to have the diamond, puts his men in their regular positions. Then some other boy will choose a team among the other boys and play them. Thus the teams get practice and some very tight games are played. This is good fun and good practice.

THEODORE B. HADLEY

My Sentence

One Sunday I was arrested with three other boys for playing parchesi. At the trial the other night, the clerk stood up and read off our names and the reason why we were arrested. The judge said, "Prisoners step forward." We stepped forward and were asked whether we pleaded guilty or not. We pleaded guilty and were sentenced to work seven hours each on Cottage Row.

IVERS E. WINMILL

Transplanting Lilies

As I have a flower garden I am anxious to have as many flowers as I can and as good a garden as I can. One day a boy told me I could have the lilies in his garden. I thanked him and made a hole in my garden big enough for them to fit in. Then I put lot of water around them to make the earth firm.

I hope they bloom well.

FRANK A. ROBBINS

Preparing Rhubarb

At this time of year, we have many vegetables to prepare for the table. Among them are lettuce, radishes, asparagus and rhubarb. When the rhubarb is brought in from the farm it is put into a large pan to be washed. After this one side of each piece is peeled off. After we cut it into inch pieces it is ready to be cook ed. Part of it is served on the tables and some is preserved.

HERBERT E. NOBLE

My Work

In the forenoon I clean the washroom. First I empty the waste-basket, sweep, pick up the things that are on the floor, and arrange the soap and brushes on the rack above the sink. Then I wash the windows, mirrors, and tooth-brush rack. I then clean out the little sink in the corner and shine the brass.

CHARLES N. ROBBINS

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To boys and to adults interested in civic problems, Cottage Row is perhaps the most interesting feature on Thompson's Island. It is a government of, by and for boys, the boys being the pupils at The Farm and Trades School. Cottage Row, as its name implies, is a row of a dozen tiny cottages; each cottage is about 6x6x6 feet, but to its owner it represents real estate as real and proportionately as valuble as far more pretentious homes. It is a cottage bought with the boys' own money, owned in the boys' own name, taxed by his own government; in brief, it is part and parcel of a miniature city, with a simple but complete machinery of government modeled in actual forms. The Mayor and the Aldermen of this "city" are chosen by the Australian ballot; it has its Council, its Judge and its Chief of Police. Laws are passed and enforced. The self governing population of this miniature city, being property owners, is little interested in socialistic or Bolshevic doctrines, and it is improbable that many of the boys will materially change their views when they graduate into the larger cities of the Commonwealth.

In The Farm and Trades School itself there is a bank and also a trading company to encourage and promote thrift among the boys.

At the present time every boy in the School has an account in The Farm and Trades School Bank. In fact no boy is allowed to have money except in the bank, and when he deposits it he has his own pass book, he makes out his own deposit slips, and when he wishes to spend any money he draws a check for it. The trading company sells jack-knives, pencils, note books, and various other notions, and the boys may purchase from this trading company such articles as they wish, subject always, of course, to the consent of the Superintendent. All the necessities are provided by the School; the trading company may be said to provide the "luxuries."

Calendar

May 2 Spread three tons' of lime on ground east of the Farm House. Cultivated rhubarb, peas, etc. Sifted ashes and sowed them east of Observatory.

May 3 Sowing peas. Transplanting tomato plants. Worked on hog yard fence.

May 4 Spread lime south of Root Cellar.

Winter sheathing removed from steamer "Pilgrim."

May 5 Cultivated rhubarb and grape vines.

May 7 Sowed oats and grass seed on five acres southeast of Root Cellar, also rolled it. Put up wire for grape vines.

May 9 Cultivated peas, rhubarb and raspberries. Finished hog yard fence. Worked on nursery and transplanted tomatoes.

May 10 Drawing coal. Sowing peas.

May 11 Business meeting of Alumni Association held.

Sowing peas in garden. Raked ground and made it ready for cucumbers. Spraying orchard.

May 12 President Arthur Adams here.

Planting cucumbers and finished spraying orchard.

First Friends' Day of fhe season. The "Betty Alden" of the Nantasket Steamboat Company came with 235 guests.

May 13 Sorting potatoes. Oiled and cleaned harnesses.

May 14 New boy, Clarence Eugene Stevens, came to the School.

Set out strawberry plants. Drew ashes and repaired road from Root Cellar to South End tide gate.

May 15 Sunday. Through the kindness of Howard B. Ellis, '98, Rev. G. R. Murdock of Dorchester, and musicians, came and assisted at the afternoon service.

May 16 Finished planting cucumbers, 240 hills in all. Set out strawberry plants in old bed. Cut and peeled basket willows.

May 17 Sowed lettuce, radishes, beets and spinach in garden. Planting potatoes south of Farm House.

May 18 Planting potatoes south of Farm House. Sowing onions in garden.

May 19 Plumber here to do work in laundry; man here to do work on engine in printing-office; man here to work on gasoline engine in Power House; Charles Russell, ex '02, here to work on steamer "Pilgrim."

Sowing onions and beets in gardens. Planting potatoes south of Farm House. Planting sweet corn near asparagus.

May 20 Planting beans in garden. Planting sweet corn.

Rupert F. Calkin, '18, here to spend the night.

Man here again to work on gas engine in Power House.

May 21 Planting beans and sowing carrots in garden. Planting sweet corn.

May 22 Sunday. The boys had first swim of the season.

Several friends of Mr. Bonney, Sunday assistant, from the Gordon Bible College rendered special music at church services.

May 23 The rest of the coal for the coming year arrived, screenings, furnace, nut and forging coal, and unloading began.

May 25 Finished unloading the coal, and the barge went away.

May 26 Set out cabbage and cauliflower plants.

May 27 Setting out tomato plants.

May 28 Sowed two acre piece east of Farm House to oats and alfalfa, also one acre piece between Farm House and Observatory to same.

May 30 Setting out tomato plants.

Calendar 50 Years Ago, 1871

(As Kept By The Superintendent)

May 5 The first steamboat of the season, but few were present as it was a terribly stormy day.

May 9 Wrought on beach in A. M.

Went to city in P. M.

May 16 Went to city. Got boys' straw hats.

May 23 A beautiful rain last night which renewed nature wonderfully. Everything is fresh and nice today and little seeds will sprout rapidly. Planted 4th planting of peas; worked on boys' gardens; set trees.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Cash on hand May 1, 1921	$737.47
Deposited during the month	136.42
	$873.89
Withdrawn during the month	40.86
Cash on hand June 1, 1921	$833.03

May Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 90° on the 27th.

Minimum Temperature 41° on the 1st.

Mean Temperature for the month 57°.

Total precipitation 3.10 inches.

Greatest precipitation in 24 hours 1.63 inches on the 1st and 2nd.

Four days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 15 clear days, 11 partly cloudy, 4 cloudy.

The Canary's Bath

The canary bird is kept in the boys' Reading Room. Every other morning I give him a bath. I put water in a little oblong earthern dish kept for this purpose. He has a way of trying the water. He dips his bill in the water and if it is good and warm he will stand in the water for a moment, then will squat down and flutter his wings and spatter the water all around the cage.

After this, he jumps up on his perch and starts to sing and puff himself out.

JOHN M. LEVIS

Sorting Carrots

One morning another boy and I were sent by a farm instructor over to the Root Cellar to sort carrots. We put the bad carrots in one bag, the small ones in another, and the larger and better carrots in another bag. We did about eight or nine bushels during the morning and we went to the barn at 11:15 when everybody stops work.

LEANDER E. DOREY

A Muskrat

One afternoon while working in the laundry I was surprised to see the two pups and Babe running around as black as coal. Two of the boys that went ratting had caught a water rat, as I supposed, over by the dike. The dogs had been digging in the black mud so that was the reason they were so black. I learned afterwards that the water rat was a muskrat. It was the first muskrat I had ever seen.

GEORGE D. RUSSELL

New Testaments

One Sunday a while ago our minister, Mr. Bonny, asked how many of us would like to have a New Testament. He said those who would, might write their names on the slips of paper that were passed around. In order to get one we promised to read from 10 verses to a chapter a day, for a month. Over half of the boys signed their names to the slips.

The Bibles cost twelve and a half cents a piece as they came from the Massachusetts Bible Society. The boys that did not sign up the first time have done so until nearly every boy possesses a Bible.

JOHN GOODHUE, JR.

Farming

It is now one of our busiest seasons of the year. On the farm we are preparing the soil for planting seeds.

The soil must be plowed, harrowed and fertilized before the seeds are planted. Seed potatoes have been planted in the piece of land south of the farm house and west of the root cellar. Onions and peas have been planted in the gardens east of the farm house, and north of the tree nursery. Peas also have been planted north east of the farm house and south of the grape vines. Oats and grass seed have been planted north of the cottages and south of Bowditch Grove. The cows are out to graze at the corral each day.

RALPH MACC. ROGERS

Hauling Coal

One day when I went down to the farm the instructor told me to get the new team and haul coal to the Power House. After the horses were watered another boy came to help me. Soon we were down at the coal pile and the instructor told us to take what coal there was on the ground first,then take it off the pile which was about ten feet high and before we went up with a load to clean up what had fallen while shoveling. Soon the afternoon passed and I enjoyed it very much because it was my first time hauling coal.

RICHARD H. HANSON

Views from our Island

As we look out in the harbor on a clear day, we can see the other side of the harbor with green grass on the hills, other islands, the houses and the trees. From the playground we can see the great liners, sugar boats, the heavy freighters and the swift little tugs darting between the larger boats. As we look over the water to City Point we can see the life saving station which comes to Boston Harbor during the summer. Many sailboats are sailing about the harbor.

RAYMOND H. MCQUESTEN

Turning Bench Handles

We needed new bench handles in the carpenter shop, so one day I turned some out. First I took a piece of oak fourteen inches long and two inches square. I put it on the lathe and turned it down to a cylinder with a knob on the end to prevent it from sliding through the hole into which the bench handle was fitted. I then sandpapered it and put it on the vise.

ROBERT J. GIESE

A Swim

May 22 came on a Sunday and it was a hot day too. All morning we hoped that we would have a swim. After we were through with our dinner we asked for a swim. Mr. Bradley and Mr. Brown decided we might have one. The water was rough and there were big waves and we dove through them and had a good time. We went in swimming by the Wharf and as the float wasn't out we had to be content without one. We had a good time and enjoyed the water. GEORGE E. THOMPSON

Glimpses of the World

In the first schoolroom we have a book which contains 545 pages, each page having a photograph of some famous city, building, statue or mountain. It has views of every country in the world. We are mostly interested in pictures of the Boston State House and Bunker Hill monument, for the majority of us have seen them. Some other pictures of places we have seen are Longfellow's Home and Boston Common.

CLIFTON E. ALBEE

Our New Pencil Sharpener

A little while ago we received a new pencil sharpener. When a boy wishes to sharpen his pencil all he has to do is to place the point of his pencil in a hole on the side of the sharpener and turn the crank. It has a celluloid case which receives the waste. If a larger pencil is to be sharpened there is a cylindrical piece of metal which may be taken out. We were very glad to receive this as our old one did not sharpen well. DESMOND ANDERSON

The Infirmary

The infirmary is on the fourth floor of the Main Building. There are six beds with a little square table and a chair for each bed, there also is a dresser and two clothes racks. There are three windows on the north side from which one can see quite a little of the harbor, also a window on the east side and on the west side. It is heated with steam heat and is lighted by electric lights. There also is a bathroom adjoining. CLARENCE H. COLBURN

Work on the Front Avenue

One day Mr. Brown told me to get a hoe and come with him. We went to the Front Avenue, where there were some low places to be filled in. He told me to scrape off the gravel, putting it in a pile and then to get some ashes and spread them on evenly. I smoothed it off and used the straight edge, to make sure it was level. Then I spread the gravel on. This keeps the avenue looking well.

FREDERICK R. METCALF

Planting Potatoes

A few days ago I helped plant potatoes. First a dead furrow was plowed, then garden manure phosphate was put in these furrows and mixed in with the soil. We are careful not to put too much phosphate in or it will kill the potatoes. The potatoes are soaked in formaldahyde to kill the bacteria that cause potato scab.

Before planting the potatoes they are cut in quarters, if they are large, if they are small they are cut in halves. They are put in the furrows about 18 inches apart.

JOHN H. SCHIPPERS

The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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Thornton Lewis, '80, died in March 1921. He was buried from his brother's home, in Weymouth, March 6, 1921.

Harry E. Brenton, '90, is starting on a new enterprise. He has become affiliated with a group known as the "Boston Society of Singers," interested in cultural improvement, and has been elected business manager and treasurer of the society. They plan to introduce opera in English at a moderate price at the Arlington Theater which they have leased for three years for this purpose.

James W. Thompson, '93, writes us from Wyoming where he owns the J. T. Dairy and Stock Ranch. He has been in Wyoming for about twenty-five years. His address is Box 127, Shoshoni, Wyoming.

Harold W. Edwards, '10, and Mrs. Edwards on December 2nd last announced the birth of a son, Courtland William Edwards, weighing nine pounds, six ounces.

Frederick Hynes, '12, recently became father to a little girl. This is his second child, the older one being a boy.

Edmund S. Bemis, '13, was married on May 7, 1921, to Jeanette Aldrich Holbrook, in Somerville. Edmund is working in the Engineering Dept. at the State House where he was employed before going into the service. The young couple will spend their honeymoon in New Hampshire, and from there they will go to Bass Point, Nahant, for the summer, afterwards making their home at Watertown, Mass.

John A. Robertson, '15, has sailed as petty officer on the S. S. Manchuria. Card recently was received from him from Hamburg, Germany.

Henry P. Holmes, '16, on February 25, 1921, was married to Rebecca Augusta Rogers of Middleboro, Mass.

Antonio V. Maciel, '16, has announced the arrival of a son, George. Tony has moved to 160 King Street, Northampton, Mass.

George C. Adams, '17, has been in the navy for the past year. He is on the U. S. S. Batt.

Franklin P. Miller, '18, who went to Bridgewater Corners, Vermont, to work until his school, Mt. Herman, should open in the fall, found work there very scarce, and got a job as "cookee" in the lumber camp of the Champlain Reality Co., near there, in "Canvas City." There are two "cookees," a cook and about thirty men.

Leonard M. Langton, ex '18, recently visited the School. Leonard had been in the U. S. Navy on a sub-chaser from 1918 until this year. He is now at 536 Tremont Street, Boston.

Herbert Antell, '19, has joined the navy as a bugler.

Nicholas M. Suarez, '19, writes a lively letter from Hampton, Virginia, where he went with his father. He goes to high school, and is working in a drug-store for the summer. Nicholas writes with interest of the different life there, with pleasant memories of the years he spent at the School.

Any member of the class of 1920 who may have lost his class-pin might be interested to know there is an extra one at the School—no initials on the back—which may be had at the original price, three dollars.

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Graduation Day

The most interesting event of the year in any school is undoubtedly Graduation Day. To us it means much more than being interesting. It means that we have finished our school work.

When the day dawned it gave good promise of being an ideal day for the occasion. During the forenoon, however, clouds were hovering overhead and we were beginning to think it would rain.

The speakers practiced for quite awhile before the event and we practiced the music every evening so as to be sure the different parts of the programme were as near perfect as could be.

The exercises were held on the East Lawn surrounded by trees and shrubs.

We all marched to the Wharf and waited about five minutes for the Nantasket steamer which brought our friends.

The friends of the graduating class occupied the first four rows of seats. In front of them in the form of a semi-circle on the right of the platform sat the members of the Board of Managers that were present and the honorary guests. To the left of these was the platform, class, band and members of the School. After the guests were seated Mr. Bradley said a few words of welcome and the programme began. Preceding the programme, in honor of flag day, June 14, the Governor's proclamation was read and the entire School saluted the flag.

Mr. Adams introduced the speaker of the day, Mr. John C. Minot, who is literary editor of the Boston Herald, and his talk was one that will be long remembered by everybody present. One of the most interesting things was the class prophecy given by Cyrus W. Durgin. In it he pictured the future of each member of the class told in a joking manner. As his future was told each boy received a flower.

During the exercises the sun came out and made everything much more beautiful.

After the exercises we showed our friends about the grounds. The programme was as follows:

Overture — Resolute Band — Oakland

Prayer
Rev. Howard A. Morton

Salutatory and Essay
Implements of Seed Time
Desmond Anderson

Song — The Land I Love — Burnside / Hubbell

School

Class Prophecy
Cyrus Wilbur Durgin

Valedictory and Essay
What The Farm and Trades School Does for a Boy
Theodore Barker Hadley

Creed Recited by the Class

Song — School Song

School

Introduction of Speaker
President Arthur Adams

Address
Mr. John C. Minot

Presentation of Diplomas
Mr. Bradley

March	Alamo Band	Will Huff
Song	America School	Smith

GRADUATING CLASSES

Literary

Clifton Ellsworth Albee	Luke Wilson B. Halfyard
Desmond Anderson	Richard Henry Hanson
Chester Watson Buchan	Philip Francis Leary
Harold Bradley Buchan	Edward Lovelace McAlister
Clarence Henry Colburn	Albert Augustus Peterson
Cyrus Wilbur Durgin	Frank Austin Robbins
Robert Julian Giese	Ralph MacCallum Rogers
John Goodhue, Jr.	James Burrill Rouse
Theodore Barker Hadley	Eric Oscar Schippers

John Henry Schippers

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Harold Bradley Buchan	David Ellis Long
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John Goodhue, Jr.	Ralph Leonard Langille
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ESSAYS PREPARED BY MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 1921

The Value of Fine Pictures	Clifton Ellsworth Albee
Our Observatory	Chester Watson Buchan
The Trees of our Island .	Harold Bradley Buchan
Musical Sounds in Nature	Clarence Henry Colburn
Saws	John Goodhue, Jr.
Planes	Robert Julian Giese
The Power House .	Luke Wilson Brenton Halfyard
Locomotives	Richard Henry Hanson
The Rubber Industry	Philip Francis Leary
Implements of Harvesting	Edward Lovelace McAlister
Ants	Albert Augustus Peterson
Busy Workers—Bees . . .	Frank Austin Robbins
Horticulture	Ralph MacCallum Rogers
Manufacture of Paper . . .	James Burrill Rouse
Our Major Sports	Eric Oscar Schippers
The Boats of our Island . .	John Henry Schippers

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"Success depends upon pluck, not luck."

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Chester W. Buchan . Harold B. Buchan

Theodore B. Hadley

CLIFTON E. ALBEE

The Class Dance

Each year the graduating class has a dance on the evening of graduation day. So this year it was the evening of June 14. The Assembly Hall where it was held, was prettily decorated with flags, fancy designs with crepe paper, flowers, a cozy corner and other things. The music was furnished by a cornet, piano and drums. Refreshments of ice cream, cookies and ginger ale were served. The dance program was nicely arranged by our entertainment committee. Different dances were led by different boys. The first dance was led by Mr. Bradley.

We retired at twelve o'clock feeling grateful for our happy graduation day. It was a day different from all other days to us.

HAROLD B. BUCHAN

The Class Ride

On Thursday, July 18, the graduating class went on an automobile ride to Concord and Lexington. This ride was given us through the kindness of Arthur Adams, our President.

When we came out from dinner we were told to wash up and shine our shoes. After putting on our uniform we went out on the Front Lawn where some pictures of the class were taken. Then we went down to the Wharf and boarded the steamer and went to City Point.

The automobile that we were to ride in was waiting for us. It was a large sight seeing bus, We all got in the bus and we started. We were given pamphlets telling about the different routes, etc. When we came to any historic spot, the guide told us about it. Finally we reached Lexington. Here we visited the Hancock-Clark House and saw many interesting things such as colonial guns, money, etc.

We then continued until we came to Concord. Here we visited the Concord Reformatory and saw the cells, hospital and other places.

We proceeded until we came to Concord Bridge. Here we had our pictures taken in front of the Minute Man. After staying here for a while we started back. During our ride we had tonic, strawberries, pop-corn and peanuts.

Finally our ride came to an end, and we

boarded our steamer. We enjoyed the ride very much and we all wish to thank Mr. Adams for providing such a good time.

THEODORE B. HADLEY

Alumni Day

The fine weather of graduation week did not fail us for it was bright and clear Alumni Day, thus allowing us to have the exercises out of doors. The Alumni and their friends arrived on the Pilgrim and the John Alden at 10:30 a. m. We all collected on the Front Lawn where members of the Alumni held their business meeting. At eleven fifteen we were all dis missed. After dinner the visitors scrambled candy, cookies, doughnuts and money. This was followed by a number of races for which money prizes were awarded. About three o'clock a baseball game started between the Alumni and School, which was won by the School, 16-7. The ball game lasted until five o'clock when we prepared for supper.

We enjoyed the day very much and wish to thank the Alumni for entertainment, candy and refreshments they gave us.

JOHN P. DAVIDSON

Instructors' Day

Through the kindness of President Arthur Adams, Saturday, June 18, was known as Instructors' Day. The instructors invited their friends to spend the afternoon at the School.

About one-thirty the band went down to the Wharf and waited until the steamer landed. Then the band began to play. After the friends had landed from the steamer they proceeded to the lawn where a large table was set for a banquet. Following this, an entertainment was given in the Assembly Hall, to which the boys were invited. This was very fine and everybody enjoyed it. There was a pianist, a singer and a reader. They were very good. The instructors showed their friends about the Island. About six o'clock the steamer left for City Point with the friends aboard. This ended a week of pleasant days and good times for the boys and instructors at The Farm and Trades School.

JOHN M. ELY, JR.

The Yacht Ride

On the 14th of June, the yacht "Constellation," with its owner, Commodore Herbert Sears aboard, anchored a short distance from our Wharf. The yacht came the day of our graduation exercises. We were invited for a ride on the "Constellation" the following day. That evening the band marched down to the Wharf and played a few pieces as a serenade to the people on board.

The 15th of June dawned bright and cool. We did the necessary work and about 9:30 dressed in our uniforms and white sneakers and went to the Wharf. The "Winslow" with the rowboat "Mary Chilton" in tow took the boys to the yacht, making two trips. We were greeted by the Commodore and his party as we stepped aboard. The "Constellation" is a two masted auxiliary schooner. She is the flagship of the Eastern Yacht Club. The decks were very white and the sails also. She was painted black and had a red water line. We considered it a great treat to be given a ride on her.

Soon the anchor was hoisted and the sails set and away we started. We sailed out near the Graves and back. When we reached the starting place, refreshments were served which consisted of sandwiches, lemonade, ice cream, cake and candy. Soon after this we went ashore. When we were all landed we formed a line on the Wharf and gave three hearty cheers, which were acknowledged.

We all thank Commodore Sears for the ride, which I thought made one of the red letter days of the year. HOWARD E. KEITH

Willow Road

During our school vacation another boy and I worked on Willow Road. The road is made of ashes and it goes down to the beach. It is named Willow Road from the willows which grow beside it. We are extending this road to the East Side tide gate. HILDRETH R. CROSBY

The Shower

Near the Wharf there has been a fresh water shower erected for use when the people come out from swimming. It is a good idea.

STANLEY W. HIGGINS

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A visitor has said of us.

"It isn't the gem of an old Colonial house set in the midst of the mossiest of spacious lawns. It isn't the mechanical shops, the diminutive city of Cottage Row, the farm with its stock nor the Observation Station that sends official reports to the Government Weather Bureau. It is not these, nor all of the other numerous activities which impress the visiting stranger so much as an obvious spirit that comes so forcefully to the consciousness of the critical one.

"It is the Spirit that wins the football game. It is the Spirit of their "Yes, sirs" and their "No, sirs" without the frills while they look one in the eye. They have it. I have felt it. It is the thing that makes the Alumni grateful. They acquired the Spirit in their yesterdays. It is the positive characteristic—to be their shield through all their lives. It is the live steam in their efforts—it is the impetus to their actions—it is the driving wheel within them.

"There is no apparent striving for it. It is just naturally there. One simply breathes it. And so this critical observer is wealthier because of the incommensurable Spirit of Thompson's Island."

Our observer has received and taken with him a picture which will remain with him always. With the name of the School will come to his mind the impression as he got it and which he expressed above. And if he, a visitor of two days, felt this Spirit so strongly, how much more must we who stay months feel it, and how much must we who stay years be influenced by it!

Although it attracts the attention of our guest of a moment, to possess this Spirit requires time. A new boy arrives at School. To him the new life means new duties and new denials, and he may not entirely like it. Gradually, however, the Spirit around him touches his consciousness. He realizes in some intangible way that he isn't like the "old boys." An older boy laughs at the lazy manner in which he is raking

the avenue. A boy doesn't like to be laughed at, especially by another boy. Slowly it dawns on him that no longer is it considered the clever thing to avoid work and to loaf around, but to be able to do the things that come his way, and to do them as well as the next fellow. Perhaps prompt obedience is a new idea, but it seems to be generally accepted here, so he thinks best to follow the example of others, which he does more and more as a matter of course. Also he learns the habit of taking the unpleasant with the pleasant without fussing about it.

It is the unusual boy who realizes of what the Spirit that pervades the School consists, but whether he understands it or not, it influences him. He does not become perfect by any means, and never perhaps reaches the ideal the School has for him—for an ideal must be very high—but he becomes more businesslike in his ways of doing things and in his manner. While at first this manner may seem like a cloak concealing the real boy and his desires, more and more it is a part of the boy, an acquired characteristic to last him through his whole life.

Thus is the School fulfilling her mission. For our boys are boys now, but soon they will be men, and men who are helpers in the world's work. It is none too soon for them to prepare for what lies ahead. Girded with energy and armed with knowledge and true vision each may live lives of usefulness, and pass on to others a bit of the same gallant Spirit which he here acquired in youth.

Calendar

June 1 Began planting potatoes southeast of Farm House.

June 3 Secretary Tucker Daland here.

Finished planting potatoes near Farm House.

Boys had strawberries for supper first time this season.

June 4 Rolled potato ground. Picked 15 quarts of strawberries. Set out tomato plants.

June 6 Picked 26 quarts of strawberries. Harrowed and raked corn piece at North End.

June 7 Picked 23 quarts of strawberries.

June 8 Thirty sacks of flour came.

Planting corn and mangles at North End. Picked 36 quarts of strawberries.

June 9 Gift of plants from R. & J. Farquhar Co.

Finished planting corn at North End. Picked 44 quarts of strawberries. Cutting grass south of strawberries.

June 10 Commenced plowing south of strawberries. Picked 55 quarts of strawberries.

June 11 Wallace A. Bacon, '19, visited the School.

Massachusetts Association of Women Lawyers, Harriet Weiler, President, visited the School.

June 12 Sunday. The graduating class attended Phillips Church, South Boston, where a special sermon was given for their benefit.

June 13 Picked 77 baskets of strawberries.

June 14 Graduation Day. Graduation exercises on East Lawn. Speaker, Mr. John C. Minot, literary editor of the Boston Herald.

Present of Board of Managers: President Arthur Adams, Treasurer N. Penrose Hallowell, Secretary Tucker Daland, Managers Karl Adams, I. Tucker Burr, Thomas J. Evans, Walter B. Foster and Philip S. Sears.

Present of the graduates: Solomon B. Holman, '50, George Buchan, '97, Leslie R. Jones, '06, Claire R. Emery, '12, Webster S. Gould, '18 and Wallace Bacon, '19.

Class Dance in the evening.

The Yacht "Constellation" lying off the Wharf. The band serenaded the "Constellation" in the evening.

Picked 98 quarts of strawberries.

June 15 Picked first green peas.

Sail on the "Constellation" by invitation of Commodore Herbert M. Sears for all the boys, Manager Philip S. Sears, Mr. Bradley and eight instructors.

June 16 Automobile trip for the graduating class to Concord and Lexington, through the kindness of President Arthur Adams.

Picked 40 quarts of strawberries. Picked

10 quarts of cherries. Planting corn south of strawberry bed. First haying.

Painted the flag-pole.

June 17 Alumni Field Day. About 120 here. Luncheon on side lawn and sports on playground in afternoon. Baseball game between the Graduates and School team, School team winning 16 to 7. Dancing in Assembly Hall.

The following graduates remained for a few days. George Buchan, '97, John L. Sherman, '14, Wesley W. Angell, '16, Wallace Bacon, '19, Bernard R. Morrill, '20, and Thomas L. Unwin, '20.

Finished planting corn. Picked 38 quarts of strawberries.

June 18 Instructors' Day. Thirty guests of the instructors here. Mrs. Morrison, former instructor, with her son and daughter, visited the School. Luncheon on the side lawn, and entertainment in the Assembly Hall, afterwards, both provided by President Arthur Adams.

The gilded weathervane returned to the cupola of the barn.

June 20 Mowed alfalfa north of Farm House and south of Power House.

June 21 The boys had new peas for the first time this season.

Drawing rye from South End. Setting out celery plants.

June 22 Mowing in orchard.

June 23 John Goodhue, Jr., '21, left the School to go to his aunt in Wolfboro, N. H., and to attend high school this fall.

June 25 One hundred employees of R. and J. Farqhuar Co., Seed Merchants, held their annual field day at the Island.

June 27 Plowing new orchard.

June 28 Howard B. Ellis, '98, here repairing the Power House roof.

Sprayed potatoes south of Farm House.

June 29 Philip F. Leary, '21, left the School to live with his mother and to attend high school in the fall.

Sorting potatoes in Root Cellar.

June 30 Sixty-nine boys left for their furloughs, others to go later.

Edward L. McAlister, '21, and Robert L. McAlister, ex '24, left the School to help their mother on a farm in Manchester, N. H.

Repairing farm machinery. Cleaning Storage Barn. Cleaning Root Cellar. Setting out celery and cabbage plants.

Calendar 50 Years Ago, 1871

(As Kept By The Superintendent)

June 4 We had some fine showers to gladden the earth.

June 5 Went to city with the Lyman. Got among other things a lot of flowers for gardens.

June 12 Went to city with School. Had a wet tho' not altogether unpleasant time of it. Visited the Athenaeum and passed a pleasant hour in looking at the paintings: thence to City Hall to pay our respects to his honor, Mayor Gaston. Played several pieces. Next visited the telegraph rooms and saw how the fire alarm was given throughout the city. We then went to see Col. Batchelder's painting of the Battle of Gettysburg at Meonion Hall where we were kindly and profitably entertained for over an hour by Col. B. Next we went to Faneuil Hall to rest and partook of our lunch. From there up State Street to the Common where the boys went through dress parade very creditably. We returned to the island at 6 P. M. on the John Romen, very satisfied with the day's experiences.

June 30 Fifty-two young ladies from the Everett School with Mr. Hyde, their teacher, visited us this day, coming in the Government tug, Hamblen. The day perfect and everybody had a nice time. Had collation in front of the home.

June Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 93° on the 22nd.

Minimum Temperature 51° on the 12th.

Mean Temperature for the month 68°.

Total precipitation 4.24 inches.

Greatest precipitation in 24 hours 2.50 nches on the 30th.

Four days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 21 clear days, 4 partly cloudy, 5 cloudy.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Cash on hand June 1, 1921	$833.03
Deposited during the month	136.02
	$969.05
Withdrawn during the month	106.96
Cash on hand July 1, 1921	$862.09

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Miss Marion Hill
Haskins, Mrs. M. D.
Miss Esther Haskins
Miss Ruth Haskins
Miss Bernadine Barker
Hefler, Alden B.
Holman, Solomon B.
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Wallace, Frank W.
Washburn, Francis L. and Mrs.
Wilfred Gardner
Wittig, Carl L.
Miss M. A. Hamilton
Wyatt, Norman R.

Alumni Team		School Team
Gould, E. S.	Pitcher	Halfyard, L. W. B.
Gould, W. S.	Catcher	Libby, W. E.
Angell, W. C.	1st base	Robertson, E. J.
Tassinari, W. I.	2nd base	Rouse, J. B.
Bemis, E. S.	3rd base	Hadley, T. B.
Sherman, J. L.	Short stop	Marcus, W. T.
Darling, N. W.	Right field	Rogers, R. MacC.
McLeod, G. B.	Centre field	Goodhue, J., Jr.
Gunning, F. E.	Left field	Smith, D. E.

Score: School 16 Alumni 7

Roger Alcott, Umpire

Farquhar Field Day

On June 25th, R. and J. Farquhar Co., of which Mr. J. K. L. Farquhar is president and founder, had an outing at the School. At about 8:00 o'clock the freight team began to bring all sorts of eatables from the Wharf. Four tables were taken from the gymnasium and washed and put out on the lawn. One was soon covered with many good things to eat and the other three were set. At 9:30 the people came. A ball game was in progress soon after arriving. Soon after the ball game our guests had their lunch. A few races not on the program were organized for the boys. The people left at 6:00 o'clock.

MAHLON H. MONTEITH

Going to Church

Sunday, June 12, the graduating class and five instructors attended the services at Phillips Church in South Boston.

As it was Childrens' Day, the pulpit platform and loft were beautifully decorated with flowers. The choir was supplemented by a chorus of young people. The music was fine. The Rev. Howard Morton, pastor of the Church preached a baccalaureate sermon for us. His text was the "Quest of Life." At baptismal service a number of small children received baptism. Mr. Morton presented Bibles to some of the children in primary Sunday school. We enjoyed this service and were especially glad of the opportunity as Dr. Bancroft attends this Church.

CYRUS W. DURGIN

The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

James H. Graham, '77, President
Boston

Henry A. Fox, '79, Vice-President
Allston

Lawrence M. Cobb, '14, Vice-President

Merton P. Ellis, '97, Secretary
25 Rockdale Street, Boston 26

Richard Bell, '73, Treasurer
Dorchester

Howard F Lochrie, '16, Historian
West Roxbury

Glorious weather prevailed for the annual field day of the Alumni Association on Friday, June 17. The attendance of members and their families was large, and a new feature of the day was the presence of members of this year's graduating class as guests of the alumni.

The party left the Public Landing at City Point shortly after 10 o'clock, and were met by Superintendent Bradley and the instructors and the band, and with music they were escorted to the Front Lawn, where, in the shade of the great trees, a brief business session of the alumni association was held. President James H. Graham, '79, presided. For the first time in many years a field day was held without the presence of Richard Bell, '73, treasurer of the association, who was detained by illness. A message of remembrance, accompanied by the hope of an early restoration to health, was sent to him. The contribution to the alumni fund, made annually at the field day exercises, was the largest since the initial gift in 1914, amounted to $465. and brought the fund up to $4000.

Picnic luncheon was eaten on the North Lawn ,with an abundance of hot coffee, cold milk and tonics provided by Mr. Bradley. In the afternoon there was a game of baseball between the alumni and the undergraduates which resulted greatly in favor of the latter team. Various races and spectacular contests were run off, with cash prizes for the winners, and much amusement for the spectators.

Those who attended were as follows:

Adams, Russell A.
Akerstrom, D. Beach
Alcott, George J.
Alcott, William
    Miss Marion Alcott
    Roger Alcott
Angell, Wesley C.
Babcock, Lorin L.
Bacon, Wallace A.
    Mrs. Edith L. Bacon
    Miss Genevra Bacon
Bell, George L. and Mrs.
    Miss Ada M. Carroll
    Miss Edythe M. Weeks
    Mr. and Mrs. Harold Frederickson
    Edland Savage
Bemis, Edmund S. and Mrs.
Bemis, Elwin C.
Brasher, Sherman G.
    Mr. and Mrs. James M. Brasher
    Mrs. Ida M. Bennett
Brenton, Harold E.
Buchan, George
Burrows, Mrs. Lena
    Mrs. Annie Wood
    Master Wood
Cameron, Malcolm E.
Capaul, Edward and Mrs.
    Miss Myrtle J. Capaul
Clark, Robert L.
Darling, Norman W.
    Mrs. Rena E. Darling
Davis, Will F. and Mrs.
Dudley, Herbert L.
    Miss D. H. Lewis
Duncan, Charles and Mrs.
Edwards, Harold W.
Ellis, Donald W.
Ellis, Merton P. and Mrs.
    Miss Alice M. Bell
Emery, Claire R.
    Mrs. S. C. Colson
    Mrs. M. A. Smart
Evans, Thomes J.
Farmer, Norman F.
Fearing, Arther D. and Mrs.
    Miss Anna K. Fearing
Fearing, Frederick P.
Foster, Walter B. and Mrs.
Gould, Emerson S.
    Rev. Francis Boone
Gould, Webster S.
Graham, James H. and Mrs.
    Mrs. Marie Morganstern
Gunning, Frankling E.
Hartmann, George K. and Mrs.

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The Fourth of July

This year the boys who were on furloughs had the pleasure of being home for the Fourth of July. Some of the boys did not go on their vacation but Mr. Bradley said we would have a good time. The boys that were here did the usual work and were dismissed at nine o'clock. The sports began at 10:00 and while we were waiting for them, Mr. Bradley came out to the Old Elm and gave each boy a balloon, a rubber ball, a flag, and a bag of peanuts.

At ten o'clock the boys went down to the barn to put on their swimming tights and then went down to the Wharf. There were going to be swimming races such as standing dive, running dive, swimming on back, swimming under water, throwing the ball and swimming for distance. After each contest money was given to the winner. After the sports were over we went to our dinner. Mr. Brown said that there would be a baseball game between two picked teams. There were 19 boys here which made enough for two teams. The captains were Aldevin Lammi and Daniel Smith. Lammi's side won 3 to 1. Doctor Bancroft was here during the afternoon.

At night as soon as it was dark enough to have a bonfire we went down to the beach and the fire was lighted. There were two little fire places made for roasting frankfurts. We had frankfurts and sandwiches. We had fire works such as sparklers, yacht salutes, aerial bombs and many other kinds. We went to bed feeling very happy and contented for our good time.

Charles D. Smith

My Vacation

My home is in New Jersey, so I did not leave until one o'clock, because the boat does not leave for New York until five o'clock. Mr. Bradley and I took a taxi to the Metropolitan wharf where he left me. At half past three the gate was open and I went aboard the Calvin Austin, where I bought a ticket for New York. At five o'clock the boat left the wharf and swung down stream. After I had passed Castle Island I could see the School very plainly, After the boat left Boston astern, it got very rough. Very few passengers came to supper, and I did not eat very much. About eight o'clock we reached the canal. It was much more calm and we had to go very slow because there was a heavy fog. At half past eight we entered the canal and went at half speed. All along the sides of the canal are electric lights about a hundred feet apart. At half past ten we got into Buzzards Bay, then I went to bed. I was up in time to see us pass under all the bridges. We got in at half past eight. I missed my aunt in New York so I took the train home and was very glad to get there. I spent Saturday with my cousin, Sunday I went to Staten Island to see my uncle and stayed over the Fourth. Tuesday I returned to New York and spent the morning with another uncle. Wednesday I took a bicycle trip to a Boy Scout Camp, staying over night and returning the next day. At half past one I went into New York and took the Commonwealth for Fall River. From this place I took the the train to Boston returning about one o'clock to the Island.

William H. Waring

Conduct Prizes

Through the generosity of our Managers Mr. Francis Shaw and Mr. N. Penrose Hallowell, conduct prizes are awarded to a certain number of boys once every six months. The boy who receives the least number of marks and has been in the first grade the largest number of weeks receives the first prize. Next in order receives second prize and so on down the list. After grade reading Monday evening July 25, 1921 Mr. Bradley presented the prizes for the preceeding six months. As each boys name was called he went forward to receive the gift from Mr. Bradley. The boys receiving Shaw prizes were as follows.

1	Ralph Leonard Langille	$5.00
2	George Harry Rose	$3.25
3	Luke Wilson Brenton Halfyard	$3.00
4	Leander Elmore Dorey	$2.75
5	James Burrill Rouse	$2.50
6	Cyrus Wilbur Durgin	$2.25
7	Ralph MacCallum Rogers	$2.00
8	Harold Bradley Buchan	$1.75
9	Samuel Leo Whitehead	$1.50
10	Edward Valdemar Osberg	$1.00

The following boys received Temple Consolation prizes.

1 Raymond Thomas
2 David Ellis Long
3 Ernest Johnson Olson
4 William Henry Waring
5 George Leslie Langill

The following boys received Honorable Mention.

1 Edward John Robertson
2 Ivers Erwin Winmill
3 Willis Melbourne Smith
4 Eric Oscar Schippers
5 George Drysdale Russell

BARTON N. SLADE

A Band Concert

One Sunday evening the band gave a concert by the flagpole. Some of the selections played were, Overture Magneta, Overture Determination, March Alamo, March Officer of the Day and quite a few others.

ROBERT H. CARNEY

Bugle Calls

A bugle sounds revielle at 5:45 and we get up and dress. At 6:25 mess call is sounded which means prepare for assembly which is at 6:28, when we form in line ready to pass into breakfast. At 8:00 o'clock "To the colors" is sounded while the flag is raised. At 8:43 assembly is sounded and the boys that go to school in the morning form in line and pass to the schoolroom. At 11:25 mess call is sounded and is followed at 11:28 by assembly and we pass into dinner. At 12:58 assembly is sounded and we form in line while the work is assigned. At 2:28 assembly is sounded for the boys that go to school in the afternoon. At 5:25 mess call is sounded and is followed by assembly when we form in line and pass to the dining-room for supper. At 7:15 assembly is sounded and we form in line ready for bed. At 7:30, usually, "Taps" is sounded. At sundown "Retreat" is sounded which ends the day.

HENRY E. GILCHRIST

Swimming

Sunday afternoon about quarter of four we went down for a swim. When we had formed in a line Mr. Brown told us to get undressed, then he blew the whistle for us to go in. The boys who can swim best, dive off the Wharf and have a race out to the float, and the boys who cannot swim do not go out so far. Many of the boys are just learning to swim. They stay near the stone steps and swim around there. Then Mr. Brown blows the whistle four times which means to come out. We took a shower before we came in. Then we got dressed and went up to the house. All the boys enjoy swimming.

DONALD MCKENZIE

Repairing Screens

A few days ago Mr. Fergurson told me to repair the dining-room screens. I first examined them to see what had to be done. Some had to be retacked while others had to have new screening put on. I took these to the Paint Shop and repaired them. Those that had new screening I painted with black screen paint. I then put them up to dry.

KENNETH E. KEARNS

Screening Gravel

The best gravel we get is from the north bar of our Island. Once in a while Mr. Brown has about five boys go over and screen some gravel. There are two screens, a coarse one and a fine one. During vacation five boys including myself went over and screened the gravel.

Three boys went along the beach and got the gravel while two of us screened it. First the gravel was put through the coarse screen, to take out all the large stones. The gravel was put through the fine screen to take out the sand. Then it was thrown into the barrels and later a team came over and carried it off.

WALDO E. LIBBY

Keeping Tidy

We try to take good care of our clothes. When they are soiled we get permission to have them changed, or when they are torn. From there, they go to the laundry. They are then washed and sent to the sewing room to be mended, and back again to the clothing room. The shoes are changed on Saturday and some times on Wednesday. The shoes which need repairing are tagged, that is, we write our name and date on a small tag and tie it to the shoe. The shoes are taken to the shop and repaired.

GEORGE E. THOMPSON

Cleaning and Sorting Rules

In the printing office there are two rule cases for rules that are used in printing. The cases are 15 inches long and 7 1-2 inches wide. One case holds the hairline rules and the other case the one point rules. There are compartments in the cases for rules 1 em to 36 ems long. It is my duty to keep the rules in order and occassionaly I wash the rules with gasoline to get off any ink that may have hardened on them.

IVERS E. WINMILL

Views

From our Island one can see freighters, large transports, barges and other ocean going craft. There are a few schooners anchored just off the north end of the Island. There are many swift tugs racing in and out of the harbor. One can also see light houses and many other islands.

RALPH I. SWAN

School

Tuesday, July 19, was the beginning of the school year, which was welcomed by all the boys. There are four classes that go to school, the first and fourth in the morning and the second and third in the afternoon. Each teacher instructs two classes, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. A regular grammar school course is taken. The first and second classes take a course in sloyd also, which lasts an hour and a half before school. There are four terms with a vacation of a weeks duration at the end of the fall, winter and spring terms and a month at the end of the summer term which is the close of the school year.

SAMUEL L. WHITEHEAD

Meal Time

At meal times the bugle blows mess call. A few minutes after this assembly is blown and we form in line, and the absent ones are called for. Soon after this the gong strikes and we march into the dining room and stand behind our chairs. A bell that hangs on the wall in the dining room is rung and we say grace, which is as follows:

Dear Father we thank thee for life and health,
For Friends and all we have.
Help us to play the man.

The bell is then rung again which means to be seated. After being seated the bell is rung for the monitors to start serving the food after which we start eating. In a few minutes more the bell is rung again which means that we may talk.

Five minutes before it is time to go out the bell is rung again, which means to stop talking and prepare to leave the room. So when the gong strikes the bell is rung to rise and another bell to pass out. This ends the meal time.

BERTRAND R. EASTON

Transplanting Lettuce

One morning I had to transplant lettuce. We were told to go over to the garden and thin it out. The big heads we transplanted and we picked off the big leaves so they would bear more leaves. We transplanted about 200 heads.

GUNNAR E. ANDERSON

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Teachers are born, not made and it is said that the supply of teachers is so small, that there is only one for five hundred children, and only one passable teacher for one hundred children. Teaching is lighting a lamp, not filling a bucket. The real teacher is the one who inspires the pupil with the love of learning, or of craftsmanship. Gauging the fitness of a teacher by the degree of his education, or the amount, or his knowledge, does not necessarily establish him as a real teacher; for the highly educated, whose mind is well stored, may be utterly deficient in the natural brain talent of teaching.

If he cannot light the flame of desire for knowledge in the child's spirit, he is a poor teacher, no matter how many college degrees he may possess.

If he awakens enthusiasm and makes the child want to learn, he is a good teacher, no matter how ill informed he may be.

The only test of fitness, whether in the domestic or in the college president, in the printer or in the farmer, is whether or not he can do the business.

And the only way to find out whether a person can teach or not, is to let him try it.

Every adult human being should in some way have relationship with children or young people. Nothing is more wholesome than the reaction we get from contact with young lives, and the association should be inspired, not only by the hope of doing them good, but by the appreciation of the fact that we are getting a great deal of good from them.

Teaching is the all important business of life. The net worth of any human being existing can best be measured by the qualities of the teaching which he does.

Teaching is not necessarily done from text books, and teaching may be elsewhere than in a class room. Any room or place may have a school atmosphere and be a school.

In this School we are all teachers in the positions we occupy; if not by word, certainly by deed and action. We are teachers with a definite opportunity and obligation for nearly the full twenty-four hours of the day.

We are unlimited in our influence. We

are observed, and our words and actions are discussed. Sincerity of word and purpose strikes home in youth, as perhaps nowhere else. Innumerable questions arise which must be solved. Good judgement and fairness are in demand, and we are measured and at face value.

The pupils' problems; their relations to each other;—these and many other things come to our attention. If we are interested and alive to our situation, our good influences are unending. We too, learn from young people. They give a fresh, straight-forward point of view, often overlooked, but to be efficient, they have much to learn, and our work with them, in whatever capacity, is to help awaken their minds, and to develop their moral sense.

The acquiring of mental habits of observation, concentration, and the performing of duties with some sort of orderly arrangments; the getting of the hands to work with the mind, and with the proper attention to the real work, there cannot be much time for idle conversation. We should keep these things in mind, and that we are teaching.

The boy is interested in the whys and wherefores of operation he sees or assists in, he should be told about these, and encouraged to seek for himself further information. This develops the intelligent observation of customs, methods and operation, which remain with him.

The boy should know the implements and their purposes, by their correct names, so that he may speak of them intelligently.

While the teacher in the schoolroom, as we usually think of his work, is expected to teach proper and energetic habits of thought, the same opportunity prevails in every part of our domain; with every instructor, (as we choose to call our people), and if our purpose is understood, equal intelligence will be exercised by all. It is the all round development of mind and hand that makes the well balanced man. Working to a purpose, on the farm, in the shop, in the house, on the boats, or at any of the numerous opportunities, and sharing in the community interests, gives the pupil the broad training of detail, thoroughness and responsibility, and unconsciously, perhaps, helps to decide which one of the many things he has opportunities to observe or work at, he can best do in life.

Whether our work lies in the schoolroom proper, in the domotories, or elsewhere, makes no difference. We are all teachers, necessary and important to the accomplishment of the object for which this School exists, viz:- The development of good citizens of tomorrow; and in this work lies a dignity and a value of service which cannot be surpassed.

Calendar

July 1 Manager Walter B. Foster visited the School.

Dressed 25 pounds of poultry. Repairing machinery and tools on farm.

July 3 Sunday. Ride in launch for boys who remained here during furlough time.

George Buchan, '97, came to remain over night.

July 4 Doctor Bancroft here.

Setting out cabbage plants. Spraying potatoes.

Nineteen boys here. Water sports at Wharf in the morning. A baseball game between picked teams in the afternoon, and in the evening a bonfire on the beach near the Storage Barn, with fireworks and refreshments of toasted frankforts and sandwiches.

July 5 Man here pruning little oaks.

The steamer on blocks having hull painted.

Drawing hay from Oak Knoll and Cemetery Hill.

July 6 Spraying potatoes south of Farm House. Cultivated potatoes east of Farm House.

George H. Rose, ex '24, by agreement with Mr. Bradley will not return from his furlough but will remain with his father at 8 Fletcher Street, Ayer, Mass.

July 7 The boys returned from their furloughs at 4:00 p. m.

Mowed alfalfa on Observatory Hill.

Ralph MacC. Rogers, '21, left the School, to visit his mother in Detroit for the summer, and in the fall to attend Colby Academy.

July 8 Cultivating corn at North End.

July 9 Four more boys went on furloughs.

July 11 Filling in ruts from the storm.

Finished plowing up old asparagus bed.

Local telephone to the Wharf temporarily out of commission.

July 12 Cleaned dead wood out of French Grove and part of Bowditch Grove.

July 13 Cultivated potatoes, and beginning to hill them.

July 14 Mowed red-top by West Side tide gate.

Admission Day. The following boys were admitted on trial: Archibald Van Ness Beeman, Arthur Ramsdale Blackwell, Bertrand Richards Easton, Thomas Augustus Hall, Russell Edgar Long, James Arthur Paley, Frederick Matthews Runnells, Arthur Royal Turner and Philip Henry Young.

July 17 Sunday. A barge ride in the afternoon for all down the harbor and around Pleasure Bay.

July 18 Mowing marsh by Incinerator. Mowing oats by Bowditch Grove. Getting in hay.

July 19 The beginning of the new school year, and the change of the work schedule.

Mowed on marsh by Incinerator, and grove by Main Building, also the playground.

James B. Rouse, '21, left the School. He will be with his mother this summer at 49 Glendale Avenue, South Peabody, and will attend high school in the fall.

July 20 Cucumbers from garden for the first time this season.

July 21 Water inspector at South End and Squantum testing our supply pressure and found the service in good condition.

July 22 Finished haying south of Bowditch Grove.

Manager Dr. Henry Jackson visited the School.

July 25 The steamer "Pilgrim" on blocks to have hull scraped.

Rowboat "Standish" taken to Lawley's for repairs.

July 30 Man from Mutual Boiler Insurance Company here inspecting internally boilers in the Power House and in the steamer "Pilgrim"

Calendar 50 Years Ago, 1871

(As Kept By The Superintendent)

July 4 But few visitors here to-day. Wind strong east, with heavy fog all day which interfered with boat races and other prospected pleasures.

July 7 Boys all out hoeing and haying. Self at head of all.

July 10 Self with boys, hoeing cabbages and haying. Have work well up now.

July 29 Dull, P. M. rainy. Some very heavy showers which make all nature laugh.

July Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 95° on the 27th.

Minimum Temperature 58° on the 1st.

Mean Temperature for the month 70°.

Total precipitation 5.71 inches.

Greatest precipitation in 24 hours 2.00 inches on the 30th.

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Picking up Sticks

Before school I was told to pick up sticks on the Front Lawn. When I had them all in a pile I got a bag and took them away. It took two trips to carry them away.

Stanley B. Willmore

A Trip to Historic Plymouth

One day while I was at home on my vacation, my mother said we would go to Plymouth the following day.

The next morning we were up bright and early making preparations to get the boat at ten o'clock. We took the elevated train to South Station and transfered to a Rowe's Wharf car. When we arrived we found to our disappointment the boat left earlier than usual.

We returned to the station and bought tickets for the train which left at eleven fifteen. We had a pleasant time on the train but the most pleasant of all was to follow.

After looking around for some time we went into a restaurant to have some lunch, after which we started to find Plymouth Rock. It was very interesting. It seemed to have a majesty all its own in its iron casing. We also saw the Mayflower, another thing of special interest. It had a high prow queerly painted so as to resemble a long battle with the waves. In its low center were two masts which looked very small against our large schooners of today. We did not have much time as the boat left at three forty-five. We missed many things which we would like to have visited. The ride back was very refreshing and I enjoyed it very much.

SEYMOUR C. MCFADYEN

Announcing Third Friends' Day

Mr. Bradley announced on Monday night at grade reading that the third Friends' Day would come on Tuesday, August fourth. This will be the first Friends Day since our vacation. As soon as Mr. Bradley was through speaking the boys starting clapping their hands with all their might because they were so happy.

WALTER H. CURTIS

My Work before School

In the morning before school I mow lawns or rake gravel about the house. Some morning I wheel clay from the beach to be used to fill in ruts around the buildings. I work until 8:30 and then get ready to go to school.

ALEXANDER MCKENZIE

While the Boys were Away

While the boys were on their furloughs the work of the school had to be kept up and some of the boys were selected to remain and help. There were a few boys for almost every department. The outside had to be postponed for a while as there were a few heavy storms. As the fair weather came again the work was resumed. On the seventh of July the boys came back fresh and ready for a new year. Then some boys who had remained and helped, went on their furloughs. School began the 19th and the new school work started.

JOHN M. ELY, JR.

At Wallaston Beach

On the evening of July fourth I went with my aunt to Wallaston Beach. We started about six o'clock in the evening taking our lunch with us. We ate this soon after we arrived. We then walked around for a while to see the bathers and other amusing things. We then visited the Old Sailors' Home. Here we saw the cattle, rabbits and other animals.

We returned home tired but still enjoyed fireworks from the veranda.

WILLIAM R. HOLMAN

Pulling Down a Tree

On Cottage Row we have many trees which are beside our cottages. There was a tree between my cottage and the next one which was dead and spoiled the looks of our cottages. One day one of the boys that owned shares in my cottage asked Mr. Bradley if we might chop it down. Mr. Bradley said we might. Before we could get the tree out, the snow and ice was on the ground so that we couldn't move it. After the winter was over we started at it again and kept working on it until one day it was almost out. We procured a block and tackle and asked a lot of boys to volunteer to help us. As soon as every thing was ready we pulled on the rope and soon the tree was seen rising into the air. The boys were so glad to see the tree out that they all cheered. On seeing the tree out we gained courage and soon collected enough dirt to fill in the hole. The grounds about our cottages looked very much better.

ROBERT J. BUCHANAN

The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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Walter L. Cole, '17, is at Camp Devens for the month of August.

George R. Riggs, '18, shows his interest not only by being present on Alumni Day, but by ordering a new class pin when his own was lost, and by an occasional letter.

George is still in the printing business in Norwood where he went directly from the School. His address is 244 Nahatan Street, Norwood.

Laurence A. Murphy, '18, sends a card from Bennington, Vermont.

Glenn R. Furbush, '19, is working for the summer at Red Gables, in New London, N.H., where Colby Academy, which both he and Rollins attend, is located.

Rollins is working for the Academy during the summer besides running the town movies.

Joseph Kervin, '20, Is on the U. S. S Minnesota, and wrote us recently from Christiana, Norway, where his ship had made port.

Ralph H. Swenson, ex '21, writes asking to join the Alumni Association and asking with interest of all the School activities and of his friends here. Ralph is still working for the Hood Rubber Co., East Watertown, Mass., care of Department of Mechanical Devices.

An Afternoon Haying

As I work on the farm in the afternoon I always report to my instructor at the barn first. During haying I help in the field. First the horses have to be hitched up. When they are hitched to the hay wagon, we go to the field where the hay is and tumble it up. When this is done we begin to load. After the load is all on we start for the barn. There the load is driven on the scales and weighed. The weight of the wagon is kept on a piece of cardboard. This weight is then subtracted from the weight that is given on the scales which gives the weight of the hay. This final weight is recorded in a book.

Wyllis A. West

Dining Room Duties

There are four boys in the morning dining room. It is their duty to keep the dining room clean, set the tables and wash and wipe the dishes. At quarter of eleven we stop whatever cleaning or other work that we are doing and get ready to serve out the food that comes in from the kitchen at this time. My work is running the dishwasher.

Hildreth R. Crosby

A Picture

In the second schoolroom there is a picture of the statue of the Minute Man. The soldier on the monument looks very alert as if he was expecting to be called at any minute. Beside him is a plow over which his coat hangs. Below is an inscription which reads as follows:

"By the rude bridge that arched the flood,
Their flag to April's breeze unfurled,
Here once the embattled farmers stood,
And fired the shot heard round the world."

The Minute Men were ready to fight any minute if called upon. When they were not fighting they went home to plow. Some carried guns when they plowed. George D. Russell

Schoolroom Work

After breakfast Mr. Brown says, "regular work." I step out and go up to Mr. Brown and say, "schoolroom." I then go to the schoolroom and begin to work. The first thing I do is to open the windows, then I sweep the floor, dust the desks, seats and tables, empty the waste baskets and clean the erasers. When the bell rings, I go and get ready for school.

John E. Arkerson

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Essay

A wise man was once asked what were the most necessary things for boys to learn. He replied, "Those things which they will put in practice when they become men." Doubtless the men who first thought of this School had a similar idea in mind when they established it. Any how those of us who have shared its privileges, benefits, and practical training, expect that our future success largely lies in the application of the things we have learned at The Farm and Trades School.

We confess that during our school days we are not always able to realize the value of our opportunities, and in this we are not different from other boys the world over. For we often hear our instructors say, "Sometime you will realize the value of all this." Accordingly on this, our graduation day we are thinking more about the blessings, the lessons and the multitude of things we have learned and enjoyed during our time here. We begin to know that these will become more and more precious as time passes. Many of us have enjoyed calling to mind our first day here and our first impressions received.

In order to tell you in a very concrete way what The Farm and Trades School does for a boy, I would like to show the life of one from the time he enters the School until he leaves to go to work or to go to School in some other place.

When he boards the Steamer for the first time, at City Point he has a mingling of feelings. Besides his eager anticipations of School life, he has a few regrets for the friends and associations he is leaving. He does not think long of these however and he loses himself in the present. He notices the shining brass, the well oiled machinery, the fire box and he silently confides to himself that when he gets to the island he will work in the Power House, or at least around machinery, First he knows he hears the boy engineer say, "Take your hands off that brass."

He does not know why anything so smooth and shining is not made to touch, but he knows orders must be obeyed. He leaves the interesting engine room to chat with his companions on deck.

Soon the steamer nears the landing and the deck hands begin to move. Just as the steamer touches the float, one of the deck hands jumps off to catch the line. The new boy likewise tries to jump off. For this he is given a slight reprimand. He now realizes that it is not wise to jump from a boat until it has landed. Although he does not know it he has learned a new lesson already.

He is then escorted to the Main Building, where he has a fine dinner and a bath. When he comes from dinner he sees several of the boys raking gravel or sweeping the cement. To himself he is thinking, "I wonder if I'll ever get a job like that?" For the rest of the afternoon all he does is sit in the reading room, or under the Old Elm and read a book or do something as pleasant. Supper time comes. He is placed at a table with several other new boys, an old boy acts as monitor. He listens to the boys say grace, while he stands quiet trying to follow them in halting words. The minute he sits he begins

talking as fast as he can, but is reminded to keep quiet by the monitor of his table. He finally finishes his plain and wholesome meal and leaves the dining room. In the evening if it is Thursday, he goes to the Assembly Hall to see the movies with the other boys. When he finds that these are given once a week for the benefit of the boys, he is more pleased than ever. He finally goes to bed and begins talking, when he finds this is an unpopular pastime with the night watchman and some sleepy boys. He is greatly surprised and disturbed next morning when he is aroused at 5:45. Nevertheless he finds himself in line for breakfast at the proper time. After this he is apt to meet his first disappointment, for he is told to get a rake and work on the Front Lawn, a small task while he hoped to run a boat or engine. At 8:45 he goes to school. Here he goes through a period of adjustment and finds everything new.

A few days later he is assigned work in the dining room, where he finds himself doing the very practical work of scrubbing floors, washing dishes, washing windows and various other kinds of work necessary to a well ordered home. After a few weeks of this his attitude changes, as he has felt more or less contempt for what is commonly called girls work. Here he learns the necessity of painstaking care, thoroughness at work, and a new respect for the dignity of the routine of housework. Resolves that when he returns to his mother's home he will help her keep the house clean, and show her he has learned to value cleanliness and order and understands how it is attained.

A day comes when he hears that new boys will arrive. He thinks now his chance has come to initiate them. He boastfully speaks of them as "New Johnies," when he is reminded that he belongs to that class too, as he has not been here six months and that he had better keep hands off. Crestfallen he goes about his work deciding to bide his time.

Although he has learned the value of obedience, punctuality, cleanliness and carefulness he knows he has a long road yet before he becomes a real finished Farm School boy, for he occasionally finds himself in the fourth grade. He realizes with the advice of some of his friends that his own conduct places him there. He decides to be more observing and watch for opportunities to be helpful. To his great relief and pleasure he is finally assigned duty on the farm, this he likes as it takes him into the open, close to the soil, to the sweet smelling hay, a closer kinship with the animals besides many other good things. Added responsibility is given him such as driving horses or taking charge of boys. Time slips swiftly away and, before he is aware of it he has been here two years. From the indolent, indifferent, careless boy who first came, he has grown to be hard worker and a boy upon whom one can depend.

Finally one morning when the boys line up to go to work, the instructor in charge announces that several changes will be made. He reads off a list of names and tells the boys to go to different departments. Our friend is assigned work in the printing office. He finds this a place that he thoroughly enjoys. The first day when he is told to put on an apron and learn the case he feels a new dignity. Printing has the same facination for certain Farm School boys that it had for Benjamin Franklin. He likes the work from the start and when he leaves the printing office after his first mornings work he feels as if he has accomplished something. Next day when he returns he learns to set type and is very happy when he receives encouragement from his instructor. He learns to set type, to feed the presses, cut paper and various other kinds of work, but most of all he learns to be careful, quick and patient. If at all musical he may become a member of the band. This is a great advantage, not only for the music he acquires, but he learns the value of good team work.

By this time he is a member of the First Class. New hopes enter his daily life. He feels a new importance. New responsibilities come to him. Perhaps he is chief of the Observatory staff, if so; he is responsible for supplies, for condition of instruments and members of his staff. Many lessons he may learn here, such as forethought, accuracy, promptness and care. He

may be Captain of a baseball or football team, or an officer of Cottage Row. Again he may be a class officer. This is an honor for any boy. It means that his classmates have confidence in him and appreciate the good qualities he may possess. If he is of the right type, he may be placed temporarily in charge of the boys in the dormitories, or at other times. This involves honor, obedience and trust. As graduation draws near he begins to take an account of himself. Sometimes he smilingly thinks of the careless go-as-you-please boy who came to this School four years ago. It hardly seems possible that he can be that boy. He enjoys recounting his experiences and the character he has acquired. A feeling of gratitude begins to take possession of him. Gratitude that good fortune brought him here, gratitude that the superintendent and instructors were patient with his failures and careless habits.

He begins to realize he has acquired a body that endures, the spirit of team work, self control, and above all the consideration of rights of others. Moreover he has learned the value of practical affairs, such as the use of tools, farm implements; use of broom, scrubpail and brush. He can hardly enumerate them all, because they have become a part of himself. He is aware that this change has come about through the wisdom and foresight of others. Country life to him has gained a great dignity in his eyes and he feels that the country boys' creed gives a summary of his belief in life and nature which he has learned at The Farm and Trades School.

THEODORE B. HADLEY

One Saturday Afternoon

One Saturday noon when we assembled I volunteered to wor on the farm. When I reached the barn Mr. Stearns assigned the work. I was told to help pitch off a load of hay and put it on the mow. After the load was pitched off I was told to hitch the horse Dennis to the tip cart and haul bakery wood to the wood cellar. I hauled two loads. After I finished this I fed the pigs which finished my work for the afternoon.

ARTHUR W. GAUNT

The Inspection of Boilers

One day not long ago, a boiler inspector came to our Island. He first went up to the Power House and inspected the boiler there, then he came down to the steamer where I had a chance to see what he did. He put on a pair of overalls with a hood attached to them and took a hammer and a little torch and crawled inside of the fire box and pounded with his hammer at everything in there (for he made enough noise). Then he went up on the top of the steamer and pounded at the tubes and tube sheet with his hammer. This hammering was to detect any weak places in the boiler.

ALEXANDER Y. DAVISON

My Work

This morning I cleaned the gutters on the Rear Avenue. I worked on it all morning. I first dug the weeds out with a weeder and then swept out the weeds and gravel with a gutter broom. After this I picked up the waste and raked the avenue.

JAMES E. HUGHES

Band Practice

Each boy that is in the band is expected to practice at least three hours a week. If he does not he is checked. There are two papers in the band hall on which the boys keep their time. At the end of the week, the time is added and those boys who don't get in three hours, have their time written in red ink. Once in a while some boys do not put in any time, but most of us like band practice.

GEORGE L. LANGILL

Milking

Four other boys and I get up at five o'clock in the morning to milk the cows. We have nineteen cows to milk, one boy taking three and the rest of us milk four cows apiece. First the night watchman wakes us up and we get dressed. Then we go down to the washroom and wash. Then we get our cans and go to the barn. We put on our aprons and caps and start in milking. When we are finished we give the cows hay and sweep the floor. At five o'clock at night we milk again and feed the cows.

JAMES B. SCOTT

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When a child enters this world he knows nothing of mental attainments and less of moral conduct. He has everything to learn from the instructions and examples of those who surround him. Somehow the mental attainments are acquired as a matter of course, that is he learns to talk and walk quite naturally but the development of conscience is much more difficult. It requires infinite patience combined with great wisdom to teach a child to perceive the difference between truth and falsehood—generosity and selfishness, honesty and dishonesty. Yet he must be taught to recognize property rights the same as he is trained to talk and walk if he is to become a useful citizen. This development of conscience is a growth of years, and may extend through life but the training should begin in infancy.

The great means of this end is obedience, strict obedience to law and order. First in the home, then in the school and college, later in society. Obedience enters the heart and mind of no child except by training and education. Therefore if he lacks obedience by the time he reaches the adolescent period, it is the fault of parents and instructors, not his. Our government does not fail for lack of laws, but for inefficiency in enforcing those laws, by those vested with authority.

There is no beauty anywhere without law and order, truth and honor. There is nothing in the world so interesting, so important as a child. He is our hope for to-morrow and no matter how complex a problem he presents careful training should be his by birth-right, when born under the stars and stripes, for they stand for free education. The world grows more complex. If it is to know less of sin, famine, hunger and pestilence, it will be because our children of to-day will lead the way. Hence, while we feed the hungry, bandage the wounded, heal the sick, confine the criminal, let us be diligent in training our citizens of to-morrow. It is very important for the well being of the future families, communities, state and nation.

We of this school are fortunate that we are entrusted with a share in this work. We

believe obedience to be the first guide post leading to the path, which is enriched by truth, honor and integrity. We keep it before us each day hoping to emplant a splendid habit in each young heart and mind. Not all see the pest in the same light, but when each pair of young eyes beholds it, with happiness, we feel a satisfaction that only comes through effort rewarded.

Calendar

Aug. 1 Charles W. Russell, ex '02, here working on Steamer "Pilgrim."

Sprayed potatoes. Built pig pen for 12 young pigs.

Roscoe Baird, '19, visited the School for the afternoon.

Aug. 2 Mowed second crop alfalfa by Farm and Power Houses.

Aug. 3 Manager Walter B. Foster visited the School.

Thinned and set turnips.

Aug. 4 Thinned carrots.

Aug. 5 A man here to repair billiard table.

Aug. 6 Aldevin A. Lammi, '20, left the School to live with his sister, and to work in the office (where his sister has been employed), of Anderson and Anderson, 101 Tremont Street, Boston.

Charles R. Jefferson, '14, visited the School with his father-in-law.

Aug. 9 Manager Walter B. Foster with Mr. Ellis, contractor, came to examine the Wharf.

Third Friends' Day. 227 present.

Aug. 12 Mr. George Cruickshank of R. & J. Farquahar Co., and Judge Charles W. Hoitt of Scituate visited the School.

Started plowing south marsh inside second dike: three horse hitch used.

Aug. 16 Managers Ralph B. Williams and George L. DeBlois with Misses Alice C. and Katharine G. Dodge visited the School.

Aug. 17 Set strawberry plants.

Aug. 19 Finished setting out 3800 strawberry plants.

Aug. 22 Started mowing oats by garden.

Aug. 23 Began plowing south tide gate.

Aug. 27 Sprayed potatoes.

Aug. 30 G. Melville Holmes, '10, and Mrs. Holmes here for the afternoon.

Sowed white sweet clover south of strawberries, rape by corn.

Calendar 50 Years Ago, 1871

(As Kept By The Superintendent)

Aug. 4 Unloaded 146 tons coal, 85 ox loads and 184 horse loads. A good day's work.

Aug. 8 The boys from the Blind Asylum called on their way from fishing. Our Band entertained them with some of their music.

Aug. 9 The first sweet corn of the season.

Aug. 12 The New York Yacht Club arrived in the harbor and are received by the Boston Yacht Club.

Aug. 14 A regatta took place today between the above yacht clubs off Swamscott, the course being to and around the outer Brewster. It was a magnificent sight even from this distance.

Aug. 17 Mr. and Mrs. Sperry French of Exeter, N. H., and Mrs. Clark visited us this day.

Aug. 18 Fine. Men here putting up copper conductors on house,

Aug. 27 Almost a gale from the S. W. Fruit dropping badly.

Aug. 27 Carried four barrels of apples to market.

August Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 94° on the 1st.

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One Night after Supper

Mr. Bradley often sits out under the Old Elm after supper and talks with us about different things. One night he told three of the boat crew boys' to go to the Wharf and take a row boat to Squantum to bring a man over to the bar. He then told me to get the two seated carriage ready. Later Mr. Bradley went in the carriage to South End to meet the man. He brought him to the Power House to work on the telephone line. When he finished, Mr. Ferguson took him back to the boat. Then I put the carriage in the barn and unharnessed.

HENRY P. CLIFFORD

An Arithmetic Chart

On the front blackboard of our schoolroom is an arithmetic chart. This chart is used to keep our arithmetic record from day to day. At the extreme left of the chart is a vertical row of numbers counting by fives, from five to one hundred. Separating each number is a line drawn across the board. Lines are drawn down from the top also, making a number of little squares. At the bottom are spaces left for dates. On this chart the class average is kept. The average is written above the date and across from the number of the day's average. A line is drawn from one day's average to another and so on.

IVERS E. WINMILL

The Gleaners

In the back of our school room is a picture named The Gleaners. The picture was painted by Francois Millet, and the original is now on exhibition in the Louvre Museum, Paris. The picture shows the gleaners in France reaping the harvest. There are three women and some men. They look as if they were tired from hard work.

BERTRAND R. EASTON

Sorting Cases

Lately the printing office boys have been sorting cases in which we keep our different kinds of type. In doing this work we first take our composing stick and set it to the right measure. We then put a lead in our stick which is of the same measure as the stick is set. After this we take our cap case and set the letters up in our stick alphabetically. Before we put the letters back into the case we look them over in our composing stick to take out all of the wrong font type and type that is broken. When this is done we take the bellows and blow out all of the dust and dirt from the case. When this case is done we take another and do it the same way.

ROBERT J. BUCHANAN

The Spray

In the Court there are various kinds of plants. In the center of these are four iron posts on which there is a light. Running upon one of these posts is a brass pipe just above the light. On top of this is a hose with a nozzle. The cement floor of the court slopes toward the middle. In the summer when the plants are out, the spray is turned on. This not only waters the plants but cools off the kitchen and dining-room. If this water should be turned off during the day the plants would burn in the sun. Therefore it is necessary to keep it running until the sun has gone away from the Court.

GEORGE A. ADAMS

Painting Signs

One morning I was told to paint some words on a barrel which was on the Wharf. I first took a pencil and made the outlines of the letters, then I took a little brush and painted the words "For Fire Only." The colors were black and red. The first and last words were black, the word "Fire" was red. I like to paint signs and things of this sort.

STANLEY W. HIGGINS

A Kite

I was down in the shop on Monday night when a boy said, "There goes a kite." I looked out of the shop window and saw a boy running with a kite. It went up very well until all the string was out. I would not mind having one as good as his.

HILDRETH R. CROSBY

A Good Baseball Game

On Wednesday evening August 17, one of the best games of the season was played. Teams B and D were the teams to play. Nearly the whole school turned out to see the game.

Hadley and I tossed for the ins or outs and I won. My team went to the field and the game began. Neither team scored in the first inning. Then team D got one run in the third inning. Up to the seventh inning the score was 1 to 0 against our team. As there was only going to be seven innings, and when my team came to bat we were determined to get a run which we did and forced the game into extra innings. There were rooters for both teams yelling themselves hoarse and each team was playing with a good spirit. Each pitcher was going fine and had good support. In the eighth inning neither team got a man on first base. When the ninth came each team was determined to get one run at least. But team D got a man as far second base and no farther. In our half we started a rally and we got men on first and third. With one out our chances for a run were bright. Our next batter hit a slow grounder to short stop scoring our winning run. We won the game and the shield with it. The score was B 2 D 1.

WALDO E. LIBBY

Pruning Trees

The object in pruning trees is to cut off all the dead limbs that interfere with other limbs and spoil the looks of the tree. The trees that we pruned were on Highland Road. We took the first row and went through to the end before taking another. Suckers had to be cut off and the limbs cut close to the tree. The dead limbs that we sawed off were put in piles and taken to the sorting ground. These old limbs are burned later. WYLLIS A. WEST

Regular Work

My regular work in the afternoon is cleaning the toolroom, cement and window pockets. First, I take a broom and sweep the cement. Then I clean and straighten the toolroom and window pockets. When this is finished it is usually school time. ROBERT H. CARNEY

A Home Run

On Labor Day I went to see a double header between the Boston Red Sox and the New York Yankees. New York won the first game 8 to 0. In the last inning of the second game Babe Ruth came to bat. He hadn't made a home run in the first or second game so far and the grandstands were roaring. There were two outs and the bases were empty. The first pitch was a ball, the next a strike at which he swung and missed, the next one was a ball and the next one was a strike. It was two balls and two strikes and every body was roaring. The next ball pitched he hit, he took three steps from the plate to meet it. The ball went high in the air and landed in the bleachers while the outfielders stood and watched it. That was the first real home run I ever saw. The score was 8-3 in Boston's favor.

DAVID E. LONG

Cleaning Gutters

Before school three boys and I clean gutters. Two boys work on the Front Avenue, and two boys work on the Rear Avenue. We have to get all the stones, grass, leaves, gravel, and other things out of the gutters and sweep the gravel away from the gutter. The gutters are about a foot and a half wide.

WILLIAM E. ERICSSON

A Trip to Horticultural Hall

One Sunday evening a few other boys and myself were told to shine our shoes and put on our uniforms. Then we went up to the office where we met Mr. Bradley and a few instructors. There were twelve in all. Soon we were all ready and walked down to the steamer and started for City Point. On the way one of the boys told me that all of us had good gardens and were going to Horticultural Hall and see the gladiola exibition. When we got there we saw a wonderful display of flowers. There were also a few tables of vegetables. When we were ready to go back one of the men that owned some gladiolas gave us some to take back with us. When we reached City Point the steamer was waiting for us. We got home about half past ten. We all had a good time. ALTON B. BUTLER

The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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West Roxbury

Harry R. Wilmot, '94, is in business under the firm name of Wilmot-Wood Company with headquarters at 85 Sudbury Street, Boston. The company deals in musical instruments, attachments, and accessories. Mr. Wilmot with his wife and three children lives in Roxbury.

Ernest V. Wyatt, '13, is first officer on the Steamship "West Mahomet," Barber S. S. Line, sailing from New York.

Norman W. Darling, '16, is in Portland, Maine, where he is engaged in interior house finishing and carpentry work. His address is 19 A Street, West End, Portland.

Sidney C. Varney, '16, who makes his home with an uncle at 41 Humphrey Street, Lowell, Mass. was a recent visitor at the School. He has just completed a two year enlistment period as signalman in the navy. Sidney is uncertain whether he will re-enlist or return to printing.

Gordon H. Cameron, '18, who had been on a camping expedition down Taunton river, stopped at the School, en route home, remaining over Thursday night, September 1st. He is a Senior this year at Bridgewater High School.

A Poem

While I was locking through a book in the schoolroom I came across a poem I liked very much. The name of it is "A Gentleman."

Take your meals my little man,
  Always like a gentleman,
Wash your face and hands with care,
  Change your shoes, and brush your hair:
Then so fresh so clean and neat,
  Come and take your proper seat;
Do not loiter and be late,
  Making other people wait,
Do not rudely point or touch:
  Do not eat or drink too much;
Finish what you have, before
  You even ask, or send for more
Never crumble or destroy
  Food that others might enjoy
They who idly crumbs will waste
  Often want a loaf to taste.
Never spill your milk or tea,
  Never rude or noisy be;
Never choose the daintest food,
  Be content with what is good.
Seek in all things what you can
  To be a little gentleman.

Kenneth L. Drown

A Launch Ride

One Sunday some other boys and myself went for a ride in the Launch. We first went to City Point and left an instructor. Then we went around the boats and saw people in bathing. After awhile we went back to City Point to get the instructor. Then we headed for the Island passing the Floating Hospital, and many other boats.

Raymond Thomas

Reading Lessons

Our teacher is reading us a new book by the name of "The King of the Golden River," by John Ruskin. It is a very good story. Each day we have a little reading out of it. The teacher has also drawn some pictures illustrating the story. Later on each boy is going to make a report on the story.

Thomas A. Hall

Airing Uniforms

One afternoon I was told to help Drown take out the uniforms and air them. We took a bundle of them and placed them on the grass. We then took the trousers and spread them so they could have a chance to air. Then we took the coats and turned them inside out and spread them on the front side to air. This is done quite often to avoid the moths.

James A. Paley

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Saluting the America

The boys of The Farm and Trades School are always glad to observe in any way anything of importance relating to City, State or Country. We had such a privilege on Sept 10.

The bell rang at half past seven which told us something unusual was going to happen. After we changed into our uniforms the band boys went after their instruments and then we marched to the Wharf.

After waiting for about ten minutes we saw the old cup defender, America, towed by a submarine chaser coming down the harbor from Lawley's shipyard. The band played Hail Columbia, America and The Star Spangled Banner. The flagship of the South Boston Yacht Club decorated for the occasion was anchored opposite our Wharf, and fired a salute as the America passed.

The yacht was on her way to Annapolis where she is to be turned over to the United States Government and to be kept at the Naval Academy. She has been fitted out and put in condition by subscriptions from individual people and various yacht clubs along the coast. She will visit the clubs on her way down.

The America has been among the sportiest vessels of the world. In a race around the Isle of Wight, she won against 17 of the fastest vessels in England. This was before our Civil War.

The cup she won is still held in America. The United States will pay one dollar for her and she will become one of our cherished naval possessions.

Seymour C. McFadyen

Our Calendar

We have a calendar on the schoolroom blackboard. It is a rectangle measuring 40 inches by 28 inches. It is a monthly calendar made out of chalk and it looks very nice. It is made for the month of September and the numbers are from one to thirty. On the upper half of the calendar is a picture of an ocean liner, it is a Cunard liner. There are four smoke stacks, which are red except the upper part of them which is black. The rest of the liner has gray for the decks and black for the hull. There is a wireless on the liner too. The ocean has blue and green chalk with white waves splashing about the liner. There is a sunset in the background made of orange, red and yellow chalk blended together. The numbers are in green and the name of the month is in green and the picture is outlined in green. The calendar was made by the teacher with the help of some of the second class boys.

John A. Arkerson

The Bulletin Board

One bulletin board is hung on the east side of the Main Building. On it is posted many different kinds of notices. It hangs out all day. At present there are bulletins telling us about what the flies do and where they breed, and how to get rid of them all. Sometimes notices are put up about some deaths of some people who have been interested in the School. This is a good way of letting us know about what is going on. There is another bulletin board in the Assembly Room on which notices are posted.

Charles D. Smith

Harvesting Corn

In the afternoon my job is usually cutting and hauling corn. First I get the corn cutter and go to North End and cut enough to feed the cows twice. I then come back and get a team with which I carry the corn to the barn. After unloading, it is put through the cutter and given to the cows. I like this job very much.

BARTON N. SLADE

Trimming the Lawn

One day I was told to take a pair of trimming shears and trim the grass on the front path. With the shears I started to trim the grass. When I was through I picked up all the grass that I cut and just as soon as I had my things put away the bell rang. We then washed and filed to the school room.

STANLEY B. WILLMORE

My Cottage

I own in the Felice cottage. It is one of the twelve cottages at the end of the playgrounds and is one of the oldest cottages. I have been mowing the lawn and cleaning up inside. I first took up the rugs and shook them outside so as to get the dirt out of them. Then I swept the floor and put the rugs down and straightened up the books. I took the lawn mower up to the house and got a pair of trimming shears, and trimmed the places I couldn't with the lawn mower. Then I took down the flag which is put up in the morning, and went up to the house as it was late. WILLIAM R. HOLMAN

Our Reading Lesson

Recently we read about Benjamin Franklin. It gives us a good idea of his life. When he went into Philadelphia he bought three pennies' worth of bread, and received three large loaves. Having shirts and stockings in his pockets, he put a loaf under each arm and started to eat the third.

Soon he passed a house of Mr. Read whose daughter Rebecca later became his wife. It is said that she was standing in the doorway and saw him passing at that time. We were much interested to hear about the statue of him that had been on exhibition in Boston and other places. GEORGE E. THOMPSON

Tending Cows

My work is taking care of the cows. The first thing I do is to spray them with cow comfort which keeps the flies and mosquitoes off then I release them from their stanchions and let them go into the barnyard where they drink. I then start for the pasture, keeping the cows in the road. When they get to the pasture they can go where they please, unless they go too far, then I have to drive them back. There are two boys that tend to the cows so it isn't hard to keep the cows together. ROBERT H. CARNEY

Drawing Maps

Tuesday afternoon the boys in the third class drew maps of Brazil. We enjoyed it very much. After we had the maps drawn we were told to put in the Amazon River and the second largest city in South America which was Rio de Janeiro. It is great fun to draw maps of different countries and continents.

HILDRETH R. CROSBY

Sorting Potatoes

One morning when I went down to the farm the instructor told four other boys and I to go with him to the Root Cellar. We put on our overalls and went over there to sort potatoes. We had three baskets, one for the good potatoes, one for the bad potatoes, and one for the small potatoes. We sorted about thirty bushels then it was time for dinner. CLARENCE E. STEVENS

Changing my Work

Tuesday afternoon my work was changed. Now, besides raking Highland Road I sweep off the Wharf. I get my work finished by the time the bell rings. I then come to the house and put my tools away and wash myself for school.

PHILIP H. YOUNG

The Plane

In the Sloyd room, the most important tool is the plane. There are several kinds of planes, the jack plane, rabbit and the smoothing plane. The plane which we use is the jack plane. Some parts of the jack plane are the frog, mouth, cap iron, lever cap and adjusting nut. There are 16 jack planes, one for each bench.

STANLEY W. HIGGINS

The Boat Crew

The boys of the boat crew, have to know how to swim. These boys are the only ones who can go out in the row boats. Saturday afternoons we go out in the Brewster or Standish. We keep within hailing distance from the Wharf. The crew is made up of the following boys;

1	Ralph L. Langille	Senior Capt.
2	Daniel E. Smith	Junior Capt.
3	John M. Ely	1st Lieut.
4	Luke W. B. Halfyard	2nd Lieut.
5	Samuel L. Whitehead	
6	Malcolm E. Cameron	
7	Edward J. Robertson	
8	Robert J. Giese	
9	Wyllis A. West	
10	William H. Waring	
11	Osmond W. Bursiel	
12	David E. Long	
13	Cyrus W. Durgin	
14	Arthur W. Gaunt	
15	Randall G. Thornton	
16	Edward V. Osberg	
17	Henry P. Clifford	
18	Barton N. Slade	
19	Alexander Y. Davison	
20	Walter H. Curtis	
21	Eric O. Schippers	
22	Frank A. Robbins	
23	John P. Davidson	
24	Kenneth L. Drown	
25	Clifton E. Albee	

We also go out in the Chilton which is a ten oared boat. Two boys go out in a boat every ime there is a swim. The boys of the boat crew draw the boat up to the Boat House after the swim. Some times we make a trip to City Point, to get the mail boy or an Instructor.

WILLIAM H. WARING

Vegetable Boy

I am vegetable boy on the farm. First I ask the kitchen instructor what kind of vegetables she would like brought up from the gardens. Sometimes she wants two bushels of tomatoes, one bushel of carrots and one bushel of lima beans. Then I get my wheel-barrow and four bushel boxes. I go over to the gardens and pick the required amount. After this is done I put them on my wheel-barrow and take them to the house.

GEORGE D. RUSSELL

Poems

Each boy in the first class is learning a poem. They were assigned by our teacher. Some are historical, some are story poems and others show patriotism. Mine was written by Rupert Brooks, during the world war. It shows his love for his country,—England. It begins like this:

"If I should die, think only this of me:
That there's some corner of a foreign field
That is forever England."

Some of the poems that the boys are learning are:

The Flag Goes By
Warren's Address at Bunker Hill
Song of Marion's Men
Incident of the French Camp
Old Ironsides
The Charge of the Light Brigade
Barbara Frietchie
Sheridan's Ride
Concord Hymn
Of Old Sat Freedom on The Heights
On the Eve of Bunker Hill

This work trains the memory besides teaching us good English.

EDWARD J. ROBERTSON

Cleaning Carriages

Every Saturday afternoon it is my work to clean carriages. There is the two seated carriage and the Concord buggy. I first get all the things I am to work with such as a sponge, a length of hose, two cloths and a brush. I then pull the buggy and carriage to the Wharf, where I attach the hose to the faucet. I run water on the wheels and wash them off with a cloth, then I wash the body and brush the seats. When this is done I get one of the carriage horses from the barn to pull the carriage back to the barn as the carriage is too heavy for me to pull up the hill. I then do the same to the buggy. I then leave them until Sunday morning when I shine the buggy and the carriage. I also grease the wheels and shine the harness. Then the buggy and carriage are in good condition for the rest of the week.

JAMES B. SCOTT

Taking Care of Plants

Every other noon hour I water a cactus plant in the Assembly Hall, and sometimes I clean the court and dig up the dirt around the plants. After that is done I arrange the plants.

JOHN M. LEVIS

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"Ride into the wind, and what chance so-ever it blows thee, thereby do thy best, as it were the first and the last. Take not thy hand from it until it be fulfilled. So shalt thou most quickly and worthily achieve Knighthood."

Perhaps Knighthood, in the concrete, is a thing of the past, something which we all look back at, over the swift-moving centuries, with a little sigh of almost pathetic regret, and a secret desire to emulate those qualities so necessary to a true knight. But Knighthood in the abstract has passed over the barriers which the ages have cast up, and today we still have it—divided into three words—Courtesy, Obedience, Honor.

You remember each Knight, before he could attain his station, must win a quest—seek an adventure. He must—"hold himself ready to answer them that call to him, and to succor them that ask help of him and to turn aside from his path for rescue and good service." There were dragons and giants to be slain, false knights to be encountered, distressed ladies and imprisoned kings to be aided. Altogether it was a most adventurous life, for one might ride by wildsome ways, in strange countries, thru many waters and valleys e'er he won his quest. And often, in seeking great adventure in some foreign land, he might return home, downhearted and despairing, only to find his true quest waiting near at hand. "True knight taketh counsel of time. Every-day his own deed. And the winning of a quest is not by haste or by hap, but what needs to be done, that must ye do while ye are in the way."

Our "dragons and giants to be slain" are Pride and Passion: our petty dislikes and trivial tempers. But by deposing them we learn Courtesy. The "false knights" we must encounter—who can describe and point them out, lest we mistake them? "For this I tell thee there be many good fighters that are false knights, breaking faith with man and woman;—in them courage is cruel and love is treacherous. Look not too far afield for them, for they may be near at hand." Wear the armor of true Obedience when you meet them. "Imprisoned kings and distressed ladies" who need aid, we may never find, tho our search continue a lifetime. Yet

by Honor in our living and acting may we come nearest to helping these, who were the finest of all quests.

We cannot all "ride into the wind"—taking "what chance soever it blows." Some of us must sit tending the hearth fires, must be content to hear the wind calling and whistling outside; but perhaps when a tiny gust sweeps thru the crack under the door and calls with the rattle of the window pane, those of us who have "set the face ever forward" shall win our quests at home, no further than the threshold. Then "Take not thy hand from it until it be fulfilled. So shalt thou most quickly and worthily achieve Knighthood."

Calendar

Sept. 1 Finished plowing at South End. Began plowing at North End.

Sept. 2 Hoed strawberries, finished mowing third crop of alfalfa by Farm House.

Sept. 3 Glenn R. Furbush, '19, spent the week end here. He is a student at Colby Academy.

Sept. 5 Plowed by Incinerator.

Sept. 6 John E. Kervin, '20, and Raymond S. Metcalf, '19, visited the School.

Sept. 7 Fourth Friends' Day. Two hundred and forty-eight people were here. Dragged roads with new King road drag.

Sept. 9 Pruned blackberry bushes.

Cow and heifer brought over from Squantum; gifts of Mr. George F. Lawley.

Edward W. Bowker, member of State Board of Charities visited the School.

Sept. 10 The whole School assembled on the Wharf to see the "America" sail out of the harbor. The School band had the distinction of being first to salute the yacht as she passed.

Team B defeated team C at baseball 21 to 7.

James H. Beattie left the school to live with his mother.

Sept. 11 Rev. and Mrs. Marsh and Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Foster spent the day here. Mr. Marsh conducted service in the chapel in the afternoon.

Sept. 12 Plumber began few days repair work.

Sept. 14 Four football teams chosen for the season.

Sept. 15 Sowed vetch and rye east of Incinerator.

Sept. 16 William T. Marcus, '20, left the School and went to work at the Southworth Press, South Portland Maine. His address is 194 High Street, Portland Maine.

Sept. 18 New flag dedicated at Cottage Row.

Sept. 21 William B. Cross, '17, First Musician on U. S. S. Bridgewater, here for the afternoon.

Sept. 22 Finished filling in Austrian Pines where other trees have died.

Sept. 24 Mowed playground

Russell A. Adams, '19, Junior at Walpole High School, here for week end.

Last baseball game of the season. Advanced class defeated School team, score 12 to 7.

Sept. 25 Lawrence A. Murphy, '19, visited here briefly.

Sept. 29 Pruning nursery stock.

Manager W. B. Foster, here to look over Wharf in preparation for its repair.

Sept. 30 Work begun on repairing Wharf.

Calendar 50 Years Ago, 1871

(As Kept By The Superintendent)

Sept. 9. A most lovely day. Went to Nantasket Beach to pass the day, with all of the boys. The Band went up on the boat at 3:00 to the city and back. We all came home at 6 P. M. We had a splendid day, and a splendid time with no expense to ourselves.

Sept. 14 Visiting Day. Present of the Managers, Messrs. Bowditch, Emmons and S. G. DeBlois. Mr. Joseph Breck was also here and made pleasing remarks to the boys, and gave them some bulbs to put in their gardens.

Sept. 30 Weather fine. Are busy harvesting and attending to various matters that need attention.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Cash on hand Sept. 1, 1921	$987.35
Deposited during the month	62.39
	$1049.74
Withdrawn during the month	65.27
Cash on hand Oct. 1, 1921	$984.47

September Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 69° on the 19th.

Minimum Temperature 63° on the 14th.

Mean Temperature for the month 64°.

Total precipitation 1.47 inches.

Greatest precipitation in 24 hours .56 inches on the 6th.

Five days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 15 clear days, 8 partly cloudy, 7 cloudy.

Taking a Proof

In the printing office when we set up articles we put them in a galley. When the galley is full we put a piece of furniture along side of the type, and put a steel spring between the galley and the furniture so the type will not "pie." When this is done we put the galley of type on the proof press. We then put the ink on a brayer, which is then rolled over the type. Then we put a piece of paper over the type and a heavy roller is passed over it which makes an impression on the paper.

HENRY P. CLIFFORD

Sports

We have three sports, each taking a third of the year. The first one is baseball, the second, is football and the third is basket-ball. The latter part of spring baseball starts and ends at the close of summer. Then football comes in the fall and ends around the first snow fall. Then basket ball starts and finishes about the middle of spring. Football is my favorite sport.

RALPH S. BLAKE

Trimming Grass

One day before school the Supervisor told me to get some trimming shears and trim along the edge of the Front Avenue. After I did that, he told me to get a broom and sweep the leaves, grass and stones out of the gutter.

ARTHUR R. TURNER

Taking Care of the New Bull

Recently, we received a nine months old Guernsey bull. In the morning I give it water and clean and feed it. Then he is taken out for exercise and is allowed to feed upon grass. The name of the bull is Langwater Standby.

NORMAN T. HOWES

Making Bread

Almost every night, bread is made for the boys. The bread is mixed in the bread mixer. The bread mixer is electrically driven and is capable of mixing enough dough to make a hundred loaves or more although we only make seventy loaves. The following ingredients are used; twenty-two quarts of water, one and a half quarts of lard, six ounces of yeast, two and a half cups of salt and about forty scoops of flour. The bread is mixed about twenty minutes and then is taken out of the mixer and put in the trough to rise. The mixer is then scrubbed out. The bread is taken out of the trough in the morning and is cut into pieces weighing about one pound and eleven ounces each. These pieces are shaped into loaves and put in tins. After rising they are baked until done. The bread is brought into the dining room at half past twelve so it will be ready for supper.

EDWARD V. OSBERG

The School Room Plants

In the summer time our court is always full of many kinds of beautiful plants, but in the winter time they are taken inside and placed around the house where it is warm. The second school room takes care of a large number, also the Assembly Hall, and it is surprising the way the plants improve the appearance of our school room. There are many different kinds of plants, some of them are ferns, different kinds of palms, a rubber plant, rose bushes, wax begonias, a lemon tree and our windows have boxes of geraniums in them. There are also other plants arranged about the room. A boy is specially appointed to water and take care of them. We like them very much.

SAMUEL L. WHITEHEAD

Filling Ruts

After every rain storm there are ruts in the ground to be filled. They are dangerous and do not look well, so they are filled with clay. First the clay is dug and wheeled to where the ruts are. With a shovel the clay is put in the ruts and is tamped down with a tamper until it is level with the rest of the ground. When we finish, one would never know there had been ruts on this particular ground.

GUNNAR E. ANDERSON

Machinery in the Laundry

There are seven different kinds of machines in the Laundry, such as the flat worker, washers, extractor, dryer, collar press, body ironer and collar ironer.

The flat worker is used to iron spreads, table clothes, sheets, pillow slips, towels, napkins, handkerchiefs, aprons and other pieces of cloth that are long and flat.

The washers are used to wash clothes and blankets. First they are put in cold water and two or three minutes later the cold water is let out and hot and cold water put in. Then the steam is turned on, also soap is put in, and they are then left until they have boiled enough. Then the steam is turned off and the hot water let out. Hot water is then put in and then cold water.

The extractor is used to take the water out of the clothes just like the hand ringers. The dryer is used to dry the clothes. It is also used to take the dampness out of pillows and blankets.

The collar press is used to stiffen the tops of shirts and the bottom of sleeves and also to press soft collars.

The collar ironer is used to iron the stiff collars and make them round and dry.

The body ironer is used to iron the body of night gowns, shirts, plain petticoats, pajamas, body of dresses, middie blouses, and other plain pieces of cloth. RANDALL G. THORNTON

The First Football Games of the Season

Saturday, October 1, our first football games were played. The first game was between A and B, the latter winning by the score of 69 to 6. The second game was played between C and D, team D winning by the score of 61 to 19. Both games were exciting and gave the football season a good start.

ALEXANDER Y. DAVISON

Current Events

As it is now near autumn, it is time for Current Events. The Current Events is a little paper published every week in Springfield Massachusetts, for schools. It tells of things that are happening each day all over the world. We read them in school and enjoy them.

HENRY E. GILCHRIST

The Assembly Room

The Assembly Room is on the first floor on the east side of the Main Building. Here the boys assemble before meals, bedtime, etc. The room is 44 ft. long and 16 ft. wide. There are eight doors leading from the room as follows; one to the boy's dining room, the court, the washroom, the toilet, the washroom cupboard, the second schoolroom, the tower, and one leads outside. Near the cupboard is a list of library books and a bulletin board. There are also hooks on the wall, a book cupboard in the corner, and a box on which we shine our shoes.

IVERS E. WINMILL

Our Dormitories

There are three dormitories, the east and west dormitories and a much smaller one called north. The older boys sleep in the smaller one, there being twelve of them. The west dormitory, or the one I sleep in, has four rows of beds. On the left side there are two rows of beds and two on the right. The windows are always open unless it is raining in. I like our dormitory very much. THOMAS A. HALL

Our New Flag

In the second school room there is a new flag made of silk with a black flag staff. The flag is approximately four feet long and three feet wide. There is a gilded point at the top of the pole. We saluted the flag to-day for the first time. The flag is held in position by an iron standard upon which are the words, "Stand by the Flag." FREDERICK R. METCALF

The Farm House

Every Friday two boys go over to the Farm House and we carry over a basket of sheets, pillow slips, towels, spreads and the clean clothes for Instructors that room over there. As soon as we get there, one boy beats the rugs and the other turns the mattresses, make the beds, and sweep and dust the room. After this is done we wash the kitchen floor, clean the shed, get the coal for the stove, sweep the cellar stairs, and the piazzas. Then we put the soiled clothes in the basket and bring them to the laundry.

KENNETH A. PRIEST

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Leland B. Watson, '08, accompanied by a friend, Mr. Stewart, spent Sunday, September 11, at the School enjoying schoolday reminiscences. Mr. Watson is employed as a special correspondent by the Reed and Price Manufacturing Co., Worcester, Massachusetts, and with his wife and three children, James, Stuart and Virginia, lives at 3 South Buffum Street in Worcester.

Antonio V. Maciel, '16, has employment in Northampton, Mass. and with his wife and six months old son lives at 160 King Street.

Ernest Elton Slocomb, '16, and Miss Rita Marion Hilton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James S. Hilton of Somerville, Mass., were united in marriage Saturday evening, October 29.

Frederick E. Munich, '20, is continuing his study this year at the Riggs School, Lakeville Connecticut. He writes in an interesting manner of his work there and of the schools' activities.

Attending to Rat Traps

Every morning at five o'clock, the night watchman awakes George Adams and myself. After we are dressed we go to the wash-room where we wash. We then start out and look at our traps. We now have some traps along Highland Road as far as Bowditch Grove. We also have some on the East Side by the South End. The others are distributed around the barns and corn fields. We get back to the house about quarter past six. Kenneth E. Kearns

Ducks

One Sunday morning I was in the gardens when I heard a boy say, there were some seals out in the water. A number of boys were looking out on the water at a few black dots that looked like seals' heads. One boy went and got a pair of field glasses. When the boys looked through these, they saw that the black dots were not seals, but ducks. We stood watching them and saw them fly away.

Archibald Van. N. Beeman

Cleaning Instructors' Rooms

When I clean an instructor's room the first thing I do is to take the rugs out on the grass and beat and sweep them. After this is done I take the things off of the bureau, and dust them and put them back. Then I put some sulpho napthol in a pail of water and wash the floor and window sills. Herbert E. Noble

A Dance

One evening there was a dance for the first and second graders. After the other grades had gone to bed we put on our uniforms and went to the Assembly Hall. It was but a short while before the music began and the dance was in full sway. Everybody enjoyed it very much. There was a Virginia Reel and it was the first time some of us had danced it. Mr. Bradley showed us the right way to do it. It was fine but confusing to those who had never danced it before. We hope we may have another dance soon.

John M. Ely, Jr.

Sorting Magazines

One afternoon I was told to sort the magazines in the Instructors' sitting room closet. I got a stepladder and put it in the closet so I could reach the shelves. I was told to get the magazines down from one side and put them on the floor. After I got them all down I put all of one kind in a pile in order beginning January, February, March, etc. At five o'clock I had quite a few in the closet all sorted.

Howard E. Keith

A Rat

One day when I was ratting, I saw a rat about ten inches long from its head to the tip of its tail. It gave the dog a good chase but at last he ran into a hole. We then dug it out and killed it. Leon G. Andrews

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The Hallowe'en Parade

At eight o'clock all the boys formed a line in the Assembly Room by twos. Some were dressed like girls, witches and in other queer costumes. Mr. Stearns was the leader. We marched down on the east side of the Front Lawn in among the bushes and out to Back Road. As we were going along ghosts would jump out of the bushes and scare us. Some would throw water at us. One of the ghosts washed our faces. We went down by the Corn Barn and Seed House to the Storage Barn where ghosts jumped out from their hiding places. We went to the Stock Barn where two boys had whips hitting the floor to make a scary noise. As we passed through the barn we walked over corn stalks until we came to the door to go down stairs. We filed down one by one. When we came to the door to go out some one had the hose to dampen us. We passed down to the Storage Barn, the same way as before, only we went in the barn and jumped through a hole in the floor onto a pile of hay. We then went out around the front of the barn and into a small room, where we had to climb out of a window, and through a pipe. We then formed a line and marched to the gymnasium to have some more fun.

Willis M. Smith

Hall of Horrors

One of the exciting features of the Hallowe'en party was the Hall of Horrors. There was a long line of boys waiting their turn at the entrance most of the time. Upon entering one would follow a dark passage which led to a dark room. A white figure would lead you to a corner of the room where a light was shining on a large serpent coiled on the floor. As you looked at the serpent it would raise its head towards you. Then you would be led to another corner where a voice would say "This is what you will be some day." Then you would see a white skeleton dancing up and down in front of you. You would then be led to the farther side of the room and be handed a small round globe. You would be told it was a petrified eye. You also would be handed a cold object. This is a cold icy hand of your ancestors. Being led to another corner you would be told to sit on a white chair. When you sat down you would be grabbed by unseen hands. You would then jump up and leave the room. Everybody who went in the Hall of Horrors declared that it was worth while to get the thrills one received.

Edward V. Osberg

A Decoration

One afternoon when we entered the school room we noticed the place was decorated. On the board there was a long piece of crepe paper used as a border for the long black board. It has pictures of Brownies dressed in orange and black with a Jack-o-lantern having a dance. In the background is a white wall on which are a lot of other Brownies leaning over the edge watching them having their dance. In the background is a large forest full of white trees also a blue sky and green grass. We also have a lot of different kinds of Hallowe'en seals to put on our papers if neat. We also have a Jack o-lantern. We boys think it is a good idea.

Paul F. Reid

The Quarterly Election

On Tuesday evening, October 4, there was an election held in the East Basement. A few days before, the notice was put up on the bulletin board. At 7:30 P. M. we filed down to the East Basement and took our seats. Mayor Davidson then called the meeting to order. He then told the police to keep order and the clerk read the notice. He then appointed his tellers who were Libby, Russell, and Higgins. The Shareholders voted first, after them the Non-Shareholders. We then went to bed and the tellers went to the reading room and counted the votes. A ballot with the number of votes each boy received was put on the bulletin board the next morning. It came out as follows: Mayor, Kenneth E. Kearns; Shareholding Aldermen, Arthur W. Gaunt, James B. Scott, Ivers E. Winmill; Non-Shareholding Aldermen, Clifton E. Albee, Robert J. Giese; Treasurer, Chester W. Buchan; Assessor, Hildreth R. Crosby. The Mayor then appointed Henry P. Clifford, Chief of Police; David E. Long, Clerk; Paul F. Ried, Janitor, George D. Russell, Librarian; Robert J. Buchanan, Street Commisioner. The Chief of Police appointed the following: Lieutanant, Theodore B. Hadley; Sergeant, Alexander McKenzie; Patrolmen, Stanley W. Higgins, Samuel L. Whitehead, Harold B. Buchan, John P. Davidson, Barton N. Slade. These officers were later sworn in by Mr. Bradley.

KENNETH E. KEARNS

Costumes

The costumes prepared for Hallowe'en were very funny. Some of the instructors were dressed as ghosts, others as girls and so on. When we went through the hole in the Storage Barn several spooks jumped on us. George Russell was dressed very well. He took the part of Huck Finn, Alexander Davison a girl, Barton Slade a girl with a big orange hat, George Adams was a Red Devil and Ericsson a witch, Osmond Bursiel like Charlie Chaplin, Leo Whitehead like a dude. One instructor represented a gipsy, another Bridget, another in Black looked like a spook. All costumes added a great deal to our fun.

SEYMOUR C. MCFADYEN

Decorating Chapel

In the afternoon I have my playtime, so Monday I went to the Assembly Hall and helped decorate for Hallowe'en. There was a string stretched along the sides of the room on which we hung orange and black paper. About every five or six strips of paper we put a black one. I worked at this all afternoon with Libby and we finished both sides. Then we got branches and put them in the lights and put red, purple and black paper on the branches. About half past five I went to supper.

ROBERT F. THOMPSON

Getting Corn Stalks

One Saturday afternoon I went to the farm to work. Another boy and I went with the farm Instructor to the North End of our Island where we have a large corn piece. When we reached there we found a boy, with a team, waiting for us. We were told to pick up all of the good stiff stalks that had good tassels and tie them in bundles. Soon more boys came to help us. When we had enough stalks they were brought to the gymnasium where they were used for decorating on Hallowe'en.

ROBERT J. BUCHANAN

An Awkward Squad

One of the pleasures of Hallowe'en was a farce entitled "The Awkward Squad" which was given by some of the Instructors. After they had taken their seats and talked over some subjects a recruit came in and said he wanted to enlist in the army. He was asked a number of questions of which many were answered with a witty reply. His lungs were tested and he was then told to go in the tent and undress and pass his physical examination. There were four more recruits who came and enlisted. The lieutenant told the sergeant to give them a stiff drill and he left. The sergeant then had them form a line and gave them some other commands which none of them knew. It closed with a medley of popular war songs.

ALEXANDER MCKENZIE

Getting Honey

One afternoon Mr. Stearns, another boy and I went down to the Old Barn, got the smoker then we went to the bee hives. We made the bellows go and the smoke went in their hives. We did this so as to quiet the bees so that they would not sting us. Then we opened the hives and took out the honey. There were about 50 pounds in all. NORMAN T. HOWES

Gathering Leaves

Recently a large box was made with four handles, two on one side and two on the other to carry leaves in. The supervisor told another boy and I to gather leaves. First we collected all the leaves that the box could hold, then we emptied them into the pig-pens.

CLARENCE E. STEVENS

My Work in the Washroom

My work is in the washroom. First I sweep the floor, clean the sinks, empty the waste basket and put the soap and brushes in their right places on the soap rack. When this is done I start shining the brass. First I get some bristle brick which is a somewhat sandy substance, and two cloths. Some kerosene is put with the bristle brick to make a paste. I use one cloth to rub the bristle brick on the brass and get the dirt off, and with the other I shine the brass.

GUNNAR E. ANDERSON

Grade Reading

Every Monday night when we form in line for grade reading, the supervisor asks for the absentees. After these are accounted for we file to the Assembly Hall where Mr. Bradley reads our grade for the last week. After our grade is read Mr. Bradley usually tells us some interesting facts. STANLEY B. WILMORE

The Cow Yard

The cow yard is an area fenced off, into which the cows are turned out. It is joined to the barn by a run. There is a door leading to a platform at the head of the run and a trap door on the platform from which manure is dumped. In one corner there is a drinking trough from which the cows drink. The manure cart is emptied every day. RALPH I. SWAN

The Rabbits

There are two rabbits on the Island, one is black and the other is gray. Mr. C. W. Loud gave them to the School and they are very good pets. They drink water, eat grass and clover also lettuce. Sometimes when they eat, they sit down and hold the lettuce in their front paws and eat away. One day as I went into feed them I saw the black rabbit lying down in the pan of water enjoying himself.

LEON G. ANDREWS

Dramatizing

In the third class we have been dramatizing a part of "John Halifax Gentleman." There are three characters as we play it. Abil Fletcher, his crippled son Phineas and John Halifax a poor boy who wishes to earn a penny. Arthur Paley takes the part of father, Arthur Turner the part of Phineas and Leslie Langill is John Halifax. We all like it and are going to begin dramatizing William Tell. This is a part of our English work.

WILLIAM R. HOLMAN

A Curious Calendar

In our schoolroom each month we have a calendar drawn on the board. This month there is the picture of a cat's face. He has a high black hat and it is cocked over one of the big green eyes. The cat's neck is tied with a big bow of orange ribbon. The numbers of the days are printed in yellow underneath the picture. The cat is to remind us of Hallowe'en.

HERBERT E. NOBLE

Cleaning the Grounds

One day I was told to get a basket and go around and clean up the play-grounds and the front lawn. I found sticks, papers and other things which make the grounds look badly. When I had finished I took the litter to the storage barn. ARTHUR R. TURNER

A Battleship

Yesterday as I was coming up from the Band Hall, I happened to look out by Graves light, I saw one of our large battleships slowly coming into the inner harbor. It had three funnels, all of which were belching thick, black smoke. Every time I see a battleship, I want to get at closer view and know more about it.

ROGER K. SMITH

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This age is one of commercialism and industrialism and the observance of our holidays has been commercialized and industrialized.

The spirit of good-will evidenced by giving has been distorted by clever propaganda into a frenzy of buying, some of it wasteful and extravagant, but even this has proved good in its eventual result.

We have recently lived through a few years of inflation. Everybody, for the time being at least, has been rich and extravagant. All have had a brief and fleeting experience of how it seems to throw away their money. Some of them would do differently could they go through the period again.

There can be no happiness at anytime through such needless extravagance and by merely lavishing gifts on one's own family and friends. The most miserable and unhappy of men is he who has not discovered the joy and gladness of going beyond the narrow circle of family pride.

Happiness is a mental process. No one else can make you happy or unhappy. Money cannot buy happiness and lack of money cannot take it away.

He only is happy who has learned the philosophy of happiness which is to drive out hatred, envy, malice, pride and jealousy, and to call in love and kindness, modesty, temperance, charity, long suffering and a forgiving spirit. From him who has learned these things it is impossible to take away happiness.

Calendar

Oct. 1 Digging potatoes.

Graded for ditch by pig yard.

Oct. 3 Mrs. F. Lathrop Ames gave the School a valuable young bull, Langwater Standby.

Oct. 4 Picking corn.

Oct. 7 Fifth Friends' Day. The Nantasket steamer remained at the Wharf during the afternoon.

G. H. Whitney of the Bay State Dredging Co. came over with Manager W. B. Foster to see about dredging at the Wharf and also at the Public Landing.

Oct. 9 Sunday. William J. Bonney, Sunday assistant resumed weekly visits to the School. He gave an interesting account of his trip across the continent the past summer.

Oct. 10 Picking apples.

Oct. 11 Finished picking corn.

Harvested squashes.

Oct. 12 Took 50 pounds of honey from two hives of bees.

C. A. Blatchford, '04, visited the School during the afternoon. He is employed as order clerk by E. E. Grey Co., and lives at 68 Bluehill Avenue, Roxbury, Massachusetts.

Oct. 13 Dredging of the steamer's basin was begun to-day.

Oct. 17 Sunday. Mr. Bonney gave a talk in the evening on Niagara Falls.

Oct. 17 The launch, "Winslow" was taken to Lawley's for repairs.

Cut corn fodder.

Banked Farm House.

Oct. 19 Digging potatoes.

Slipped geraniums.

Oct. 20 Manager W. B. Foster made sounding at the Public Landing, City Point preparatory for the dredging.

Oct. 21 Gathered three and a half wagon loads of pumpkins.

Stored celery in Root Cellar.

Oct. 22 Sixth and last Friends' Day of the season. There were two hundred and eight people present.

Miss E. S. Bacon and nephew W. B. Bacon of Jamaica Plain were visitors at the School.

Oct. 23 Manager T. J. Evans, '64, of Brockton and Charles Evans, '66, of Chicago and Mrs. Marion E. Shurtleff spent a portion of the day here.

Oct. 24 Frank A. Robbins, '21, and brother Charles N. Robbins left the School to live with their mother at Cliftondale.

Oct. 25 Digging carrots and beets.

Meeting of Admission Committee. Eight new boys were admitted.

Oct. 26 Mr. Arthur Beane, of Slatersville, R. I., a former instructor, was an over-night guest.

Oct. 27 Pulled turnips.

Digging mangels.

Repairs being made on the float at the Public Landing, City Point.

Oct. 28 Finished pulling mangels.

Ten heifers returned from summer pasturing.

Oct. 29 Transplanted house plants.

Through kindness of Mr. Beane a group of boys were able to attend the Harvard-Center football game.

Oct. 31 Mr. E. C. Britton of Canton, Mass. here to make Fall inspection of the bees.

Usual Hallowe'en celebration was held during the evening.

Calendar 50 Years Ago, 1871

(As Kept By The Superintendent)

Oct. 4 Went this eve to hear Mr. Murray lecture on Deacons. Enjoyed it much.

Oct. 14 The last visiting day for this season.

Oct. 20 Husking corn—cold.

Oct. 21 Sowed rye near old barn—fixed the Lyman—dug drain—harvested sweet corn, etc.

Oct. 24 Mr. Brooks, teacher from School Ship visited us today.

Oct. 31 Pleasant with light wind from S. W. Went to city with 400 cabbages to Hill and Tibbetts. Got many articles for the house.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Cash on hand Oct. 1, 1921	$984.47
Deposited during the month	120.27
	$1104.74
Withdrawn during the month	9.32
Cash on hand Nov. 1, 1921	$1095.42

October Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 71° on the 2nd.

Minimum Temperature 40° on the 26th.

Mean Temperature for the month 53°.

Total precipitation .81 inches.

Greatest precipitation in 24 hours .53 inches on the 2nd.

Five days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 14 clear days, 11 partly cloudy, 6 cloudy.

Memory Selection

In the First Class we are learning a poem which we think is very good. It is taken from "The Lay of the Last Minstrel," written by, Sir Walter Scott. An old Scotch harper has been singing to the ladies of Newark Castle, ballads of love and warfare. His listeners praised his lay and asked him why he chose to wander Scotland poor and neglected while many in England would gladly hear him. He strikes his harp again and answers with these lines:

Breathes there the man with soul so dead
Who never to himself hath said,
This is my own, my Native land.
Whose heart hath ne'er within him burned,
As homeward his footstep he hath turned,
From wandering on foreign strand!
If such there be, go, mark him well;
For him no minstrel raptures swell;
High though his titles, proud his name,
Boundless his wealth, as wish can claim;
Despite those titles, power, and pelf,
The wretch concentered all in self,
Living, shall forfeit fair renown,
And, doubly dying, shall go down
To the vile dust from whence he sprung,
Unwept, Unhonored, and Unsung.

JOHN M. ELY

Cleaning the Assembly Room

The first thing that I do in the afternoon at one o'clock is to clean the tower stairs and landings. I then sweep the Assembly Room and court. After this is done I pile the books in the cupboard and clean out the sink. Then I am all done, and it is always time for me to go to school. RUSSELL E. LONG

The Washroom Sink

The washroom sink runs the length of the washroom. Above it is a rack on which the soap and brushes are kept. A brass pipe runs the length of the sink which is supplied with hot and cold water. On the pipe at regular intervals there are little nozzles that send a stream of water into the sink. These holes are far enough apart, so that there is plenty of room between each boy. WILLIAM F. ANDERSON

My Work in the Bakery

One morning I was awakened about five o'clock, I did not know what I had to get up for, but the watchman came in soon and said, I was to work in the bakery. I was much surprised at this, but I got dressed, washed and went into the bakery with the other baker. He told me that the first thing I had to do was to look at the fire and put some wood on to get the oven hot enough to bake bread. Then I was shown how to weigh, roll out and put the dough into pans. After breakfast I was shown how to put in and take out the bread out of the oven. I have also learned how to make bread pudding, biscuits, cornbread and bake beans.

RAYMOND H. MCQUESTEN

A Trip to Lawley's Shipyard

The other day my instructor told me to get a rowboat launched and to get three pair of oars in the boat and be ready for a trip. Soon we were ready. Then we made the launch "Winslow" ready to tow up to Lawleys'. We took a tow line and made it fast to the stern of the rowboat and to the "Winslow's" bow bit. My instructor, another boat crew boy and I towed the launch The tide and wind were both with us so it made it a lot easier pulling. We left the launch at Lawley's and rowed back to the Island in time for dinner. SAMUEL L. WHITEHEAD

A Meeting

Monday evening, after grade reading the Supervisor told some of the officers of Cottage Row, including the Mayor, Clerk, Board of Aldermen and the Chief of Police to go to the drawer room and hold a meeting. Its purpose was to decide what might be done to improve Cottage Row. We decided to have more stationary printed. Some of the Aldermen suggested that gravel would improve Cottage Row path. It was also decided that we should have books put in the Library. Still better the taxes and officers should be paid. HENRY P. CLIFFORD

Making a Rowboat Trip

It was about five o'clock when another boy and I were told to make a rowboat trip. We went to the Boat House and got the oars, oar locks, back board, tiller and rudder. We then went down to the Wharf and lowered the Brewster. We put the oars and oar locks into the boat and made everything ready to start. We rowed to the South Boston Yacht Club. When we got there an instructor was waiting for us. We then rowed back to the Island. When we got back we put the boat back on the Wharf and put the oars and things away and went to supper.

EDWARD J. ROBERTSON

Vacation Week

On Monday morning October 10, the first day of vacation the Supervisor announced that the boys who went to school in the morning would be dismissed at 9 o'clock and the boys who went to school in the afternoon would be dismissed at 3 o'clock. When the boys are dismissed they generally play football or go to the band hall. Wednesday was a holiday and there was a choose up game in the morning and a schedule game in the afternoon between teams B and C. On Thursday all the boys went to the Wharf to see the dredge and pile driver working which was very interesting. Saturday afternoon there was a double header between teams B and D and A and D. Team D won both games. The week passed quickly, for the boys all had a good time.

DAVID E. LONG

Setting Tables

When a table is set in the boys' dining room, we first put the napkins in the center of a boy's place. We then put a knife on the right hand side and a fork on the left side. Each table has a monitor who serves the food and keeps order. There are five at a table besides the monitor. After we put the knives and forks on we put six plates at the head of the table. We next put on the salt and pepper. After this we put on the vinegar. We place the vinegar between the salt and pepper shakers. The pepper being on the left and the salt on the right. I like to set tables.

ARTHUR J. PALEY

Milking

I am one of the milkers. In the morning the milkers get up at twenty minutes of five and wash, get the milk pails and go down to the barn. There are five milkers and each milker has a certain number of cows to milk. Each boy has a stool and an apron, when he gets a cow milked he weighs the milk and sets down the weight on the record sheet. Each week the record is handed into the office and another one is put up. There are eighteen cows which are divided between the five milkers, I have three to milk. We milk the cows twice a day, once in the morning at five and at night at five.

BARTON N. SLADE

Story Telling

One night before we went to bed our Instructor gave permission for a story to be told. Beeman said he would tell the story. It was very long and exciting. As he did not finish it that night he told it to us the next night. The story was very good.

WILLARD G. SCHROEDER

Decorating the Gymnasium

A few days before Hallowe'en we helped decorate the gymnasium. Corn stalks were arranged along the walls and the lights were covered with orange paper. In one corner there were a few small booths, among which were "The Hall of Horrors," "The Ride with the Witch," "Shadows" and "Fortune Telling." At one end of the room were two long tables piled with many good things to eat.

STANLEY W. HIGGINS

My Work before School

Before school every afternoon I rake the gravel in front of Gardner Hall. When this is done I put my rake away and get a broom. I then sweep the gutter that runs between Gardner Hall and the Main Building. Then I go around and pick up any paper that may be blowing around. This improves the appearance of the grounds a great deal.

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C. A. Blatchford, '04, who has been out west for some time has returned and is employed as order clerk by E. E. Grey Company. His address is 68 Bluehill Avenue, Roxbury, Mass.

Foster B. Hoye, '07, is employed by Frank N. Wescott, Sacket Harbor, New York, who is country distributor of the Hupmobile. Hoye has recently moved his family from 505 Stone Street to 539 Stone Street, Watertown, New York.

John A. Robertson, '15, of the U. S. Steamship Manchuria has recently returned from an extended trip which included a lengthy stay in Germany. He writes very interestingly of that country and its people. At the time the letter was written the Manchuria was at Pier 59, North River, N. Y., for repairs.

G. George Larsson, '16, has returned from Sweden and is at present stopping with Mr. Lindblad at 1541 N. Gratz St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Franklin P. Miller, '18, returned to Mount Herman School, Northfield, N. H., this Fall. He is in his Junior year. Miller is prominent in the activities of the School and is greatly interested in his course.

Philip M. Landry, '20, is a student at the English High School in Boston. He is living at 28 Cliff Street, Roxbury Mass.

Cyrus W. Durgin, '21, has entered Kimball Union Academy at Meriden, N. H. He writes that Ralph Rogers is also a student at the Academy having returned to his studies in the Fall.

Clarence H. Colburn, '21, has entered Austin-Cate Academy, Centre-Strattford, N. H. Rev. George W. Russell, also a graduate of The Farm and Trades School, is a member of the Austin-Cate Academy faculty.

Wallace A. Bacon, Ex '19 who attends Proctor Academy writes interestingly of his work and his part in the School sports.

Waiting on the Instructors

One morning one of the Instructors told me to report to the dining room, to wait on the early Instructors. First, I took the food to the dining room, then I put on the water and the butter. The Instructors came down and I waited on them. When they had finished their breakfast I collected the dishes, and took them to the boys' dining room to be washed.

Clarence E. Stevens

Cleaning the Woodcellar

The woodcellar is under the washroom on the north side of the Main Building. On Saturday the supervisor told another boy and me to go down to the woodcellar and start cleaning it. First we picked up all the middle sized logs and put them in a neat pile for the bakery wood and then put the other along side of it. There also was a very large pile of kindling wood mixed in with dirt and paper and many other things that were not needed so we began to sort the wood out. It will soon be finished.

Charles C. Shaw

Police Duties

After each Cottage Row election it is the custom for the boy elected Mayor to appoint the Chief of Police. Then the Chief appoints a lieutenant, sergeant and five patrolmen. The duties of the police are to keep non-share holders from trespassing on Cottage Row, to stop any disturbance on the playground and other duties. When an officer makes an arrest he reports to the Chief of Police who in turn requests the Clerk to make out a warrant for his arrest.

Barton N. Slade

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Cottage Row Government

BY HIS HONOR

KENNETH E. KEARNS

MAYOR

A PROCLAMATION

FOR A DAY OF

THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE

In accordance with the honored custom of our forefathers, and following the example of the President of the United States and Governors of these various States, I set apart a day of Thanksgiving and praise.

We are enjoying countless blessings in this year of nineteen hundred and twenty-one. It is fitting that we acknowledge them and render gratitude for them. Among them good health, helpful friends, good crops stored, good sports and an honored Superintendent. We are grateful for all the necessities of life provided for us.

We are especially proud of the Statesmen of our Country who are leaders in trying to solve the problem of lasting peace between the nations of the World. We are thankful for our good government at Washington.

Therefore I, Kenneth E. Kearns, Mayor of Cottage Row, with the advice and consent of the Board of Aldermen set apart Thursday the twenty-fourth day of November, as a day of Thanksgiving and praise to the Almighty for the blessings He bestows upon us.

Given at The Farm and Trades School this eighteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred twenty-one and the one hundred and seventh year of our School and the thirty-third year of Cottage Row.

KENNETH E. KEARNS

By his honor the Mayor of Cottage Row, with the advice and consent of the Board of Aldermen,

DAVID E. LONG,

CLERK

God Save the Government of Cottage Row

Thanksgiving Day

On the morning of November 24th, everyone was happy and having a fine time. After breakfast the necessary work was done. About nine o'clock the supervisor told the boys to get ready to put on winter clothing. About ten o'clock, a football game was played between two picked teams. Everybody had a good time and was ready for dinner. At 11:30 we formed in line and just before going in the dining room the proclamation, written by the Mayor of Cottage Row, was passed; each boy receiving one. We then filed into the dining room. After grace was repeated we sat down and the bell rang for serving. Mr. Bradley showed the monitors how to carve the turkey and how to serve the things that go with it. After the turkey was finished a mince pie was put on each table. The dinner menu was as follows;

ROAST TURKEY

Dressing

Giblet Gravy

Sweet Potatoes

Squash Cranberry Sauce

Celery

Mince Pie

Oranges Nuts Raisins

When we left the dining room we were dismissed and went to the gymnasium. About 2:30 a band concert was given by the Band. While the Band played, the instructors and the rest of the boys danced. About four o'clock it was over and until supper we did things we wished to do. In the evening there was another program. This consisted of 8 reels of moving pictures, "Joy

and the Dragon" and "Love and Lunch." After Mr. Bradley's remarks there was a short program given by the instructors.

Duet	Mr. Kihlstrom, Miss Tinkham
Piano Solo	Miss Grosvenor
Duet	Miss Ferguson, Mrs. Spalding
Quartet	Four Instructors
Baritone Solo	Malcolm Cameron
Cornet Solo	Waldo Edwin Libby

We enjoyed it very much and thanked Mr. Bradley and the instructors for giving us such a pleasant evening. ALEXANDER MCKENZIE

Our Thanks

In accordance with our custom each boy at Thanksgiving time writes his particular reasons for being thankful. The articles are varied in thought and are selected with the idea of having each class represented:—

First Class

I am thankful for the chance we have to attend church and school. I am thankful for the view of the harbor where we can see a great many foreign ships. I am thankful for the sloyd course we have, and the band in which we learn to play an instrument. I am thankful for the friends I have here and at home. I am thankful that we have a good Board of Managers. And most of all I am thankful that I am an American and that the great war is over. HOWARD E. KEITH

I am thankful that I am well and strong. I am thankful that the nations are discussing a means for world peace or a way to lessen the dread of war. I am thankful that I am receiving an education. MAHLON H. MONTIETH

I am thankul for the many opportunities of getting an education, and that I have the honor of being an American citizen. I am very grateful for all the things my relatives and friends have done for me. I am thankful for good health and all the sports in which I can take part. I am thankful for all I have learned in this School which will help me to make a success in what I do later.

WILLIAM H. WARING

I am thankful that I have a father, mother and two brothers. I am thankful that we have a chance to read and talk about the President's and Governors' proclamations. I am thankful that we have a Board of Managers, Superintendent and Instructors who are loyal to the School. I am thankful that we have turkey and all that goes with it each year. I am thankful that I am in good health and can play football with the other boys. I am thankful to know where I am going to get my next meal and sleep. I am thankful that I am in the first class and expect to graduate next June. DAVID E. LONG

There are many things for which I am thankful but there are only a few which I can write here. I am thankful that I have a father and mother and that I am in a good School where I can have food and shelter. Also that we have a good Board of Managers and a good Superintendent over us who looks out for our welfare. There are a great many other things for which I am thankful. ARTHUR W. GAUNT

I am thankful for my friends and relatives for the good schooling I am getting here. I am thankful for the many blessings of our environment which we enjoy. I am thankful for health and all I have. I am also thank ul for all I am learning in my work, in school, in the Sloyd room and at play. JOHN P. DAVIDSON

As Thanksgiving draws near we show what we are thankful for. I am thankful because I have a good mother, brothers, and sister. I am thankful because we are getting a good education and in a good School and good health. I am thankful that I am in a peaceful state. I am also thankful for the good bed I have to sleep in and good food. I am thankful that the peace conference is going on. I am thankful for all the sports we have. I am thankful for the good times we have. CHARLES D. SMITH

I am thankful for the good mother I have and that she is in good health and what she does for me. I am thankful I am in sloyd where I can make useful things. I am thankful I am in the first class and have a good teacher. I am thankful for the opportunity to study various things. I am thankful I am in good health.

ROBERT F. THOMPSON

As Thanksgiving draws near we begin to think of the things we should be thankful for. I am thankful I have such a nice teacher, and I am thankful I have such a good guardian who takes care of me. I am thankful for a dinner to which we all look forward on Thanksgiving, when we have turkey, pie, fruit and everything that's nice. There are a great many things for which I am truly thankful.

KENNETH L. DROWN

I am thankful for a good mother and for the protection given me by her. I am thankful for my chance of being in this School where I learn something all the time. I am thankful for our good Superintendent who tries to give us all good times. I am thankful for our good Board of Managers. I am thankful for my health. I am thankful that we have no war at present. I am thankful I have a brother and three sisters and that they are in good health. I am also thankful for our good instructors who teach us.

BARTON N. SLADE

Some of the things I am thankful for are: That all of my friends are well. I am thankful that I work in the printing office where I am learning a trade that I like. I am thankful that there are no bad famines in our country. I am thankful for the Superintendent and the Managers who keep our School going. I am thankful that there is one day of the year when we can all give our thanks to God for the many things which He has done for us.

ROBERT J. BUCHANAN

Second Class

I am thankful to have a mother and a good place to stay, and to have an education. I am thankful to be able to enjoy the sunshine and the beautiful things in nature. I am thankful to God because our country is free and not like Russia at the present time. I am thankful that our country can have Thanksgiving in peace. I am also thankful that we are able to worship God the way we want. HERBERT E. NOBLE

I am thankful for my mother and sister, who are kind and good to me, and that there is a God in heaven who watches over us all, and hears my prayers each night. I am thankful that opportunity placed me in such a good School as this one. I am very thankful for food, clothing and a warm bed in which to sleep each night. I am also grateful that we have a good strong government and that we are at last seeking for peace. SAMUEL L. WHITEHEAD

I am thankful for the many blessings that God has brought to me. I am thankful that I am here at the Farm School to learn what a boy ought to know and do. I am thankful for the many things I am learning at the Farm School. I am thankful for a mother and many other good friends. RAYMOND H. MCQUESTEN

I am thankful that I am in sloyd and that I have plenty to eat, and warm clothing for the winter. I am thankful that I am in a good School where I can learn a trade and be a gentleman. WILLIAM E. ERICSSON

I am thankful that I have a mother, and that I am in a good School which provides me with food and clothing. I am thankful that we have so many pleasures and enjoyment at our School.

STANLEY W. HIGGINS

I am thankful for life and health, and for good relatives and friends to care for me. I am thankful I am at this School where I have a chance to learn a trade and play in the sports. I am thankful I have a home and I am thankful for so many other things that I could hardly mention them all. ALEXANDER Y. DAVISON

I am thankful for a good mother. I am thankful also for a good School and a good place to work in. I am thankful for the good wholesome food we get and for the many other things.

JOHN M. LEVIS

I am very thankful for my mother, brother and sister. I am very thankful that I have the chance to go to The Farm and Trades School. I am thankful that I am getting along all right in school, and that the instructors give the boys good times on Thanksgiving.

ROBERT H. SLACK

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This season brings our great annual feast day known as Thanksgiving. It is a time when we pause to count our blessings. Since it was first kept by our forefathers on the shores of Massachusetts the generations have kept it sacred as typical of the great traditions they passed to us.

One of the things for which we are especially thankful is the spirit which is noticeable all through our School. It seems everywhere present, in the shop, dining room, printing office, in fact in every department. Visitors often notice it as they watch the boys running errands, scrubbing floors or running laundry machines and are heard to murmur, "What hustlers these boys are." Very likely they wonder how this wonderful spirit of team work is instilled into the boys. The boys realize themselves to be different than they were the first day spent here.

Perhaps when a boy first arrives he is selfish, obstinate or disagreeable in many ways. He finds himself in a new atmosphere and he finds those qualities are unpopular. He is soon an outsider and concludes that something must be decidedly wrong with himself. The instructors give him no responsibility, and he does some thinking on his own account; he may, if wise, seek advice from a boy or instructor, thus slowly he acquires the spirit which arises from his own desire to join the procession of Farm and Trades School boys.

He wishes to do his work better and more cheerfully. He finds himself given trustworthy tasks, his self-respect improves and one day he finds himself a boy with the real Farm and Trades School spirit. He becomes proud of it. He finds that he is willing to work in his play time to give pleasure to his little community. When volunteers for putting snow on the Avenue or for decorating the Assembly Hall are asked for, he is among the first to volunteer. One of the best ways his spirit is shown is on the ball ground when the losing Captain walks over to shake hands with the victorious leader who has won fairly.

This spirit is our great heritage from the founders of this School. It is as strong to-day as ever and we believe it will improve with time.

It will never die as long as Farm and Trades School Boys, the Instructors and those who foster it, live. The older boys struggle to pass it along to younger classmates. As they in turn, become the older boys, they do likewise and we like to think that the boys who leave the School are as so many little rivers in various parts of the world, cooling, blessing and refreshing struggling humanity with this happy, cheerful, unselfish and courageous spirit which they have acquired at the Farm and Trades School.

Calendar

Nov. 1 Repairing Beach Road by Incinerator.

Nov. 2 Brought pigs from out-door corral to pens.

Nov. 3 Dug parsnips.

Hauled squashes to Root Cellar.

Nov. 4 Hauled winter supply of wood and coal to Farm House.

Mr. Russell is making repairs on the steamer

Range and Farm House stoves are being examined to make ready for winter.

Nov. 5 Mr. Charles Duncan, '71, of Dorchester visited here to-day.

Mr. Bullard of the Boston Herald here for the afternoon.

Nov. 7 Working on Beach Road near Sorting Grounds.

Nov. 8 Replaced posts under beehive platform.

Nov. 9 Annual meeting and election of officers of the Alumni Association of the School was held this evening at the Parker House.

Mr. William U. Swan gave an unusually interesting talk to the School on the famous cup defender "America."

George E. Thompson, ex '23, left School to-day to live with his mother, Mrs. E. F. Torrey, at 9 Grove Street, Gloucester, Mass.

Nov. 10 Hauling gravel and cinders on beach road.

Philip M. Landry, ex '20, came to-day for a brief visit. He is a student at the English High School in Boston, and lives at 29 Cliff Street, Roxbury, Mass.

Nov. 11 Gathering beach wood.

Armistice Day. Was fittingly celebrated with exercises in Chapel, both during the afternoon and evening.

The Advanced Class defeated the School team at football, 35-34.

Nov. 12 Grading Back Road,

Twenty four boys went to see the Harvard, Brown game this afternoon.

Nov. 14 Put wire about small trees west of the Farm House path.

Dr. Delano, veterinary, here during the afternoon.

First snow of the season.

Nov. 15 Grading on Highland Road.

Men here repairing the stoves.

Nov. 16 Received 41 single comb White Leghorns.

The "Winslow" went out this afternoon to meet President Arthur Adam's sailboat and towed it to Lawley's.

The Court of Cottage Row held a session during the evening. A number of cases were disposed of.

Nov. 17 Cow test was given to-day by Dr. White of the State Department of Animal Industry.

The weekly moving pictures this evening were preceded by a "fish pond" much to the surprise of the boys.

Nov. 17 Finished hanging up cabbages.

Nov. 19 Last football game of the season. Team D defeated Team B.

Grading Willow Road.

Nov. 21 Built two water bars on Highland Road.

The boys' teeth were examined to-day by Dr. F. T. Taylor.

The award of the Crosby baseball shield and cups was made at Grade reading this evening.

Nov. 24 The School celebrated Thanksgiving in the usual manner to-day. There was a band concert during the afternoon and motion pictures and dancing in the evening.

A picture of the late Melvin O. Adams, a

former manager of the School, was added to the collection of portraits in Chapel.

Nov. 25 Cleaning corn stubble at North End.

The blacksmith was over to-day.

Nov. 28 Twenty bird houses, made by the students, were sent to-day to be on display by the Massachusetts Society Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Nov. 30 Cleaned out east tide-gate, dug ditch through fill by pig-yard.

Calendar 50 Years Ago, 1871

(As Kept By The Superintendent)

Nov. 3 Bought cotton and cloth for quilts.

Nov. 5 A disagreeable day, cold. Hard to keep the boys happy.

Nov. 10 Dull day. P. M. rainy. Sent grist to mill, got lumber, shod team etc.

Nov. 14 The "Rose Standish" came with the winter supplies and three managers.

Nov. 15 Stormy with very high tide which washed the banks very badly.

Nov. 16 Stormy, disagreeable. Wind all ways. Finally settled in N.E., cold and rough. Joseph and the boat boys went for grist and had hard (work) getting back.

Nov. 23 Cold, windy. Engaged in securing our root crops.

Nov. 27 Were visited by Gen. Armstrong and wife, Mrs. and Miss Heminway, Mrs. Gov-Claflin and others who came to visit the institution.

Nov. 30 Thanksgiving Day, and the roughest I ever knew. Mercury at 7° above zero in the morning, and 19° above was the warmest of the day. Seven graduates came from the Point in a small boat at the imminent risk of their lives.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Cash on hand Nov. 1, 1921	$1095.42
Deposited during the month	156.60
	$1252.02
Withdrawn during the month	302.29
Cash on hand Dec.. 1, 1921	$949.73

November Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 53° on the 1s.

Minimum Temperature 29° on the 14th.

Mean Temperature for the month 39°.

Total precipitation 2.31 inches.

Greatest precipitation in 24 hours 51. inches on the 27th.

Seven days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 6 clear days, 9 partly cloudy, 15 cloudy.

Our Thanks

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Third Class

I am thankful that I work in the dormitory and know how to make beds. I am glad I have my chance in this School. I am thankful that I can play Baseball, Football and Basketball. I am thankful that my mother has a chance to come over here and see me. I am thankful that I am in the band. I am thankful that I will get some turkey and other nice things. I am thankful that I have good teachers to teach me.

Raymond Thomas

I am thankful that I am in this School. I am thankful for what the Instructors do for me. I am thankful for all the pleasures of my life. I am glad that I am getting an education. I am thankful for what this School has done for me. I am thankful that I have a mother, sisters, and brothers. James A. Paley

I am thankful I am alive and have a kind mother and sister. I am thankful we have Friends' Days, when our friends may come, that I have friends and a home and can go to School here. I am thankful I have things to eat and drink and wear and am able to work and play. I am thankful my mother and sister are well. I am thankful for the Superintendent, Instructors, and teachers. I am glad I can get the articles in our monthly paper, the Beacon.

William R. Holman

I am thankful for health to play in all the sports. I am thankful that I am on the shield team. I am glad that I am in the Band and play on the cornet. I am thankful for all my friends. I am thankful for my mother and that she is well. James E. Hughes

I am thankful for the cottages and Cottage Row. I'm glad we have a big play ground, so we can play, baseball and football. I am thankful for my food, clothing, shelter, and education, for my father, brothers, and sisters, and that they are all well. I am thankful for the privileges of coming to this School and to enjoy its occupations and its privileges. I am glad I have a chance to learn how to sew. I am thankful for so many things I could not write them all.

ROBERT H. CARNEY

Fourth Class

I am thankful for my food and clothing. May we praise God and thank Him for His goodness to us. I am thankful that my mother and all my friends are all well. I am thankful for all that I have learned. I am thankful that the war is over and there is no more bloodshed.

JACK HOBSON

I am thankful for life. I am thankful that I had a mother and father, and that my aunt and grandmother are taking care of me now. I am thankful that we have churches to worship in. I am thankful that the Pilgrims had courage to come to America to worship as they pleased. I am thankful that they did not all die. They gave us our Thanksgiving. Remember them always. THOMAS A. HALL

I am thankful for life, and to God for giving us our lives. I am thankful for a father and sister and for our great country. I am thankful for everything. WOLCOTT M. WRIGHT

I am thankful for all of our Managers. I am thankful for our School and to be with all the other boys. I am thankful for my brother and my kind father. I am thankful for the friends who help the boys at the School. I am thankful for all the things which our friends send us. I am thankful that my father put me in such a good School. I am thankful for our President and our glorious nation. JOHN A. ARKERSON

I am thankful for parents who love and care for me. I am thankful for the School and the books from which we learn. I am thankful that the cruel war is over and peace has come over the land. I am glad the Pilgrims had courage to come over here and brave the hardships.

RALPH I. SWAN

Armistice Day

November 11, is known as Armistice Day. We worked until eleven o'clock. At quarter past eleven we had dinner, which lasted until eleven forty five, when we filed out of the dining room. From here we filed to the Assembly Hall. The Assembly Hall was decorated very appropriately with the flags of allied nations during the war. Italy, France, England and the United States also the State flag. Mr. Bradley gave a speech and we had silent prayer for two minutes.

The programme was as follows:

Proclamation — Mayor
Song — Battle Hymn the of Republic
School
Remarks — Armistice Day
Mr. Bradley
Period of Silence
Taps — W. E. Libby
Memory Selection — Scott
First Class
Reading — Unknown Dead
Four Graduates
Song — America the Beautiful
School
Recitation — The Flag Goes By
Robert J Buchanan
Recitation — The Manliest Boy
Music — Baritone Solo
Recitation — Armistice Day
Gunnar E. Anderson
Recitation — My Captain, O My Captain
Randall G. Thornton
Reading — Character of Happy Warrior
Clifton E. Albee
Memory Selection — Recessional
Second Class
Recitation — Taps
George L. Langill
Song — America
School

WYLLIS A. WEST

The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

James H. Graham, '77, President
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Chelsea

Augustus N. Doe, '75, Treasurer
Wellesley

Lawrence M. Cobb, '14, Vice-President
Cambridge

Howard F. Lochrie, '16, Historian
West Roxbury

The 22nd meeting of the Alumni Association was held on November 9th, at the Parker House. Membership was reported as 196, a gain of 14 for the year. Eleven new members were elected as follows: Desmond Anderson, '21, Chester W. Buchan, '21, Harold B. Buchan, '21, Cyrus W. Durgin, '21, Robert J. Giese, '21, Richard H. Hanson, '21, Philip F. Leary,. '21, William T. Marcus, '20, Eugene S. Ramsdell, '18, James B. Rouse, '21, and John J. Simpson, '92.

The Alumni Fund was reported to be $4000. a gain of $525.00.

The following officers were elected: President, James H. Graham, '77, of Boston, Vice President, William F. Davis, '79, of Chelsea, Vice President, Lawrence M. Cobb, '14, of Cambridge, Secretary, Merton P. Ellis, '97, of Mattapan, Treasurer, Augustus N. Doe, '75, of Wellesley, Historian, Howard F. Lochrie, '16, of West Roxbury. The following were present:

Angell, Wesley C.
Blakeley, Frederick F.
Clark, Robert L.
Cobb, Lawrence M.
Davis, William F.
Duncan, Charles
Ellis, Merton P.
Evans, Thomas J.
Foster, Walter B.
Graham, James H.
Lochrie, Howard F.
Morrison, William P.
Plunkett, Geoffrey E.
Sargent, John M.
West, Elbert L.

Irving M. Barnaby, '16, is now living at 67 Winslow Street, Everett, Massachusetts. Barnaby has been in service in the U. S. Army during the past two years and was discharged July 27, 1921 while at San Francisco.

Norman W. Darling, '16, who for some time has been employed in the wood-working business, spent a few days at the School during the month. He is living with his mother at 216 Elm Street, Everett.

Donald W. Ellis, '20, was a visitor at the School this month. He was compelled to leave School soon after graduation because of ill health and was in a hospital for some time. His health is much improved and he is living with his mother at 135 Elm Street, Everett.

Ralph H. Swenson, '21, writes that he is going into the vacuum cleaner business with his father. Swenson expects to cover territory in New Hampshire. His address is 1842 Washington Street, Roxbury, Mass.

We are glad to announce that the editorial this month was re-written from a composition by Theodore B. Hadley, '21.

The Mentor

In the second school room there are about twelve magazines called "The Mentor." They belong to our teacher and come monthly. In our spare time we sometimes read them. It is not a large magazine but is very interesting. It tells of many events of to-day, and in fact, deals with a large variety of subjects, for instance the condition of Ireland to-day. There are also stories of olden times, such as "A City The World Forgot" and "Old Greece and New." The magazine is made up of history, nature, travel, art, etc.

Ivers E. Winmill

A First Graders' Party

Last week I went to the first graders' party. We had a few guessing games and hunting for peanuts, then we had refreshments which consisted of frankfurts, rolls and punch. Then we had a game of checkers on the Assembly Hall floor. There were squares drawn on the floor to resemble a checker board. The checkers were the boys sitting in the squares. It was an exciting game. We all had a good time and we went to bed happy.

Clarence P. Hobson

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Christmas Day

Christmas morning we arose at 5:45 A.M. At 6:30 A.M. we went into breakfast and after breakfast the boys who had regular work, worked until nine o'clock. At nine o'clock we washed and shined our shoes. About 9:45 A. M. we marched up to the Assembly Hall. Dr. Bancroft arrived at about 9:45 A. M., and the boys got "Merry Christmas" on him. When we went into the Assembly Hall Dr. Bancroft came in and sat with the boys and told jokes and said funny things. About half past ten Mr. Bradley came in and all the boys gave him three cheers and a tiger. Mr. Bradley wished the boys a "Merry Christmas" and thanked the boys for the flowers they gave him for Christmas. Then the presents were given out. After they were all given out Mr. Bradley said a few words among which were that Mr. Bell, who formerly gave each boy in the School a half pound box of chocolates, was ill and that Mr. Bradley would give them this year. Also the boys who did not get as much from home as others were to be given a small box by Mr. Arkerson, father to one of the boys in the School. We then went downstairs and put our presents in the dining-room except the clothing and games which were left in the drawer room.

Our Christmas entertainment was given by Gertrude Crosby Company. At half past two the boys went to the Assembly Hall which was decorated very prettily. We were all given a programme. The entertainment was opened by Gertrude Crosby singing an introductory song. After that Mr. Cornwell played a few selections on his violin while Miss Thompson played the piano. The entertainment consisted of singing, joking, stories, violin playing and piano playing It was provided by Mr. Adams and we wish to thank him for giving us such an enjoyable entertainment.

Herbert E. Noble

The Christmas Concert

On Sunday evening December 25, we had our annual Christmas Concert. Everything was arranged so it looked very nice. When we first entered the curtain was down so nothing could be seen except the light decorations. The decorations were very pretty. The house was patterned from George Washington's Mt. Vernon Home. In front were some Christmas trees which were decorated with different colored lights and tensile. Everything was given very nice and well learned. After the program was over the carol singers went around the house singing.

The program was as follows:

Song — Shepherds Have Ye Seen Him
Choir

Prayer
Mr. Bonney

Responsive Reading
Ivers E. Winmill, Leader

Song — Starry The Skies
Clifton E. Albee and Choir

Recitation — God Bless Us
Thomas A. Hall

Exercise — Three Kings of Cologne
William R. Holman, Raymond Thomas,
Henry E. Gilchrist

Trio — No Room For the Saviour
Paul F. Ried, Walter H. Curtis,
Samuel L. Whitehead

Recitation — Santa Claus
George A. Adams

Song — Come Ye To Bethlehem
Choir

Exercise — Christmas Over All The Land
Bertrand R. Easton, John H. Hobson
Robert H. Carney, Robert L. Dill

Recitation — A Visit From Saint Nicholas
George L. Langille

Solo — The New Born King
Samuel L. Whitehead

Exercise — December
Fourteen Boys

Brass Quartet — Christmas Carols
Waldo E. Libby, John M. Levis
Daniel E. Smith and Malcolm E. Cameron

Recitation — Christmas Tree Farm
James E. Hughes

Recitation — Marjorie's Almanac
James A. Paley

Song — O Royal Son of David
Choir

Recitation — The Little Christmas Tree
Alton B. Butler

Recitation — Legend of Holly
Arthur R. Turner

Duet — Starry Beams of The Night
Paul F. Reid and Randall G. Thornton

Recitation — Christmas Spirit
Kenneth E. Kearns

Song — Welcome The Wonderful Morn
Choir

Recitation — Christmas Thought
Seymour C. McFadyen

Recitation — Save a Little Christmas
Herbert E. Wright

Quartet — O Little Town of Bethlehem
Samuel L. Whitehead, Edward J. Robertson,
John M. Levis and Waldo E. Libby

Recitation — Gottlieb's Christmas
Theodore B. Hadley

Song — Sing Ye Everlasting Light
Choir

Remarks
Mr. Bradley

ALEXANDER MCKENZIE

Giving out Cups

Monday evening after Grade Reading Mr. Bradley said the baseball cups would be given out. Of course everybody was glad for it was an exciting time, as each player hoped to receive one of them. The cups were awarded as follows:

Luke W. B. Halfyard	Pitcher
Theodore B. Hadley	Sub. Pitcher
Waldo E. Libby	Catcher
Frederick R. Metcalf	1st Base
George D. Russell	2nd Base
Eric O. Schippers	3rd Base
Stanley W. Higgins	Short Stop
Robert F. Thompson	Left Field
Ivers E. Winmill	Center Field
Randall G. Thornton	Right Field

Waldo E. Libby captain of Team B received the shield as he was captain of the winning team. The names of the players are engraved on the shield and are as follows:

Samuel L. Whitehead	Pitcher
Waldo E. Libby	Catcher
Frederick R. Metcalf	1st Base
William E. Ericsson	2nd Base
Henry P. Clifford	3rd Base
William F. Anderson	Short Stop
Robert F. Thompson	Left Field
Charles C. Shaw	Center Field
Seymour C. McFadyen	Right Field
Paul F. Reid	Sub.
Ralph MacC. Rogers	Sub.
Raymond H. McQuesten	Sub.

ROBERT F. THOMPSON

Skating

Last Saturday the skates were brought down from the loft, where they had been packed away in boxes, and sorted. Those which were rusty, were rubbed with kerosene and they were laid on the benches in the drawer-room. At noon, those who had skates of their own, got them and the rest of the boys took skates which belonged to the school and they went down to east side tide gate. The ice had been freezing three or four days and was quite thick, and covered a space of about an acre. Those in the third grade could stay from one to three, or from three to five o'clock only. We had a fine time skating.

KENNETH A. PRIEST

Sunday Reveille

It has been a custom to have a hymn played on Sunday morning instead of reveille. On Saturday night the boys, whom Mr. Bemis chooses to play the hymn, go down to the Band Hall for practice. There are usually two cornets and two clarinets, or two cornets, one trombone and a baritone. When we think we have practiced the hymn long enough, we bring our instruments up to the boys' reading room, leaving them there. In the morning the night watchman wakes us up and we go downstairs, and wash, after which we play the hymn. I am one of the cornetists. Last Sunday the hymn we played was "Federal Street". JOHN M. LEVIS

Making Christmas Blotters

Our teacher gave the first class boys some pretty blotter covers that we were to paint. They look very pretty after being painted. The words Merry Christmas are painted red with green holly leaves and berries in the back ground. This blotter cover is attached to two colored blotters with a piece of red ribbon. We will send these home to our friends for Christmas.

EDWARD V. OSBERG

Christmas Presents

About a month before Christmas the boys that are in the right grade are allowed to go to the sloyd room and make Christmas presents for their friends. The things we make are made strong and finished well. Some of the things we make are as follows: Inlaid Mahogany Boxes, Tabourets, Calendar Stands, Paper Knives, Sugar Scoops, Trays, Wooden Bowls, Plant Stands, Lamps, Pen Trays, Ink Stands. About a week before Christmas we get all the old box wood to make crates to send home the presents. The boxes are cut so all the presents will just fit in them. Then they are packed with excelsior and are taken to the office for inspection. If they are all right the lids are nailed on and sent off. WILLIAM H. WARING

Choir Rehearsal

Every Tuesday evening, the choir goes up to the Assembly Hall and practices some of the songs which are to be sung at the Christmas Concert. STANLEY W. HIGGINS

Hauling Coal

Thursday, December 15, two other boys and I hauled coal to the Power House. We all helped load, and then one went with the team while the other one stayed down by the coal pile. We had to pick down the coal while we waited. At ten o'clock when the graduates went to school I went up to the Power House and threw the coal back. I had to go in the coal bin and work for an hour and a half. Then the bell rang and I went down to the barn and then came up for dinner. ARTHUR R. BLACKWELL

Going after Freight

Nearly every night around Christmas time there is freight from the Steamer. As another boy and I are horse fellows, we hitch up a horse in the freight " jigger, " which is kept down in the Storage Barn. Then we go to the Wharf and get the freight and bring it up to the stock room. Then we take the "jigger" back to the Storage Barn. JAMES B. SCOTT

Making Christmas Presents

Every year around Christmas time the boys are given the privilege of making Christmas presents. The printing office boys print name cards, the sewing room boys make handkerchiefs aprons and other useful things. All the boys make presents in the sloyd room. Some of the things are tabourets, trays, bowls, booksupports, calendar backs and handkerchief boxes and many other things. All the boys like to make things in the sloyd room. Every boy makes something for his friends and these friends appreciate the gifts. HENRY P. CLIFFORD

A Grade Party

Last week I went to the First Graders' party. We had a few guessing games and hunted for peanuts, then we had some refreshments which consisted of frankfurts, rolls, and punch. Then we had a game of checkers on the Chapel floor. There were squares drawn on the floor to resemble a checker board. The checkers were the boys sitting in the squares. It was an exciting game. CLARENCE P. HOBSON

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At the beginning of November we looked forward to two bright and happy days, Thanksgiving and Christmas. As soon as Thanksgiving had passed, then we began to count the weeks between us and Christmas. As Christmas approaches somehow the atmosphere changes. There is the Spirit of Anticipation. We feel it rather than see it. It is felt by our friends on the mainland and it is felt by us on the Island. As the Day drew near, cards bearing our good wishes were sent to our friends, and because we wished others joy, joy came into our own lives.

At last we awoke one Sunday morning and heard the boys playing a Christmas carol. The long wished for Day had arrived. That evening we assembled in the chapel and heard once again from the lips of our boys the message of Christmas Day. The substance of the message was, Make every day a Christmas Day. Be kindly and thoughtful as the Christ Child was, not just for one day, but as a life habit.

This Christmas we followed the old English custom, which was common up 'till about twenty-five years ago. Christmas day was always like a Sunday except that in the morning the members of the home found loving gifts in or beside their stockings or at the breakfast table.

In the evening there was sometimes a service in the village church which consisted chiefly of carol singing, or friends would gather around the open fire and talk of olden times or of the hopes for future days.

The next day was Boscing Day. Now the children played with their new toys to their heart's content. The young people had as good a time as they desired, while the old folks laughed at the fun of the young ones and for a day became as children themselves.

Of course we did not plan to follow the old English custom, it was because Christmas came on Sunday that we reserved our merry-making until Monday.

Although the Assembly Hall was beautifully decorated and we had admired it the day before, we forgot the decorations when we entered the Assembly Hall that Monday morning. Our eyes were centered on the heaps of goodly

packages which helped to make the Christmas tree a thing of beauty and mystery.

In the afternoon we had friends from over town, who gave us a splendid entertainment.

Here's a question. Don't you think that Monday meant a little more to us because of the day before? There is much to be commended in keeping Christmas like a Sunday, for real happiness has a spiritual source. It is well to have the bang and glare of noisy pleasure but that alone can never make true happiness. While we were the recipients of many good things that made the Christmas season so joyous, it is well to remind ourselves of that old true saying, "It is more blessed to give then to receive." The joy of giving is of a finer quality and more enduring than that of receiving. The gifts do not have to be of money or of any material thing, but the gift of a kindly deed makes the rest of the day more bright. We may give an encouraging word to someone who is without a friend and discouraged. The gift was given without a moment's thought, but the effect of it may reach on and on through an endless life. Its results can never be measured.

The Christ Child is not remembered for the gifts that He received, the gold, frankincense and murra, but for the gifts He gave and the manner in which He gave them. It is because He gave, that His birthday is remembered. As we give so shall we be remembered.

Calendar

Dec. 1 Plumber here for few days' repair work.

Dec. 2 Band concert during the evening under direction of Howard B. Ellis. Selections rendered by School Band and Beginners' Band.

Farm and Trades School Trading Company replenished its stock and is displaying a larger variety of articles.

Dec. 3 Fourteen boys went over to get teeth filled.

Dec. 5 Piano from Assembly Hall was taken in town to be tuned and overhauled.

Dec. 6 Pilgrim is on blocks for winter sheathing.

Dec. 7 The Winslow was taken to Lawley's for a new wire steering cable.

Dec. 9 Norman W. Darling '16, and Donald W. Ellis '20, here for a brief visit.

Dec. 10 Seven boys went to dentist's to get teeth filled.

Five boys spent the afternoon with Mr. Bonney at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts.

Dec. 11 A stereoptican lecture on Palestine was given during the evening by Miss Hancock, an instructor at Gordon College. Miss Lombard, a student of the College, rendered several solos.

Dec. 12 The Crosby football cups and shield were awarded at the close of Grade Reading.

An inspector from the Mutual Boiler Insurance Company here today.

Dec. 17 Seven boys had teeth filled this morning.

Wallace Bacon, '19, student at Proctor Academy, stopped en route home for his Christmas vacation.

Dec. 18 Number of boys took part in church service this evening.

Dec. 19 Holly, evergreen, and trees for Christmas decorations arrived to-day.

Dec. 21 Started trimming Assembly Hall for Christmas exercises.

Dec. 22 Piano, having been overhauled, was brought from in town to-day.

Dec. 25 Christmas exercises and Concert were given by the boys in Chapel this evening after which there was carol singing.

Dec. 26 Presents were distributed from Christmas trees this morning. The School was entertained during the afternoon by artists from the White Entertainment Bureau of Boston and and the festivities ended with a dancing party in the evening.

Dec. 28 A caucus was held tonight after

Grade Reading to appoint committees who will arrange for nomination of new officers for Cottage Row.

Dec. 29 Four basketball teams were chosen tonight.

Dec. 30 Manager Arthur Adams and Treasurer N. Penrose Hallowell visited the School today.

Dec. 31 Six boys went in town to have teeth filled.

Celebrated New Year's Eve with moving pictures in the early evening which were followed by dancing.

Calendar 50 Years Ago, 1871

(As Kept By The Superintendent)

Dec. 4 Rainy. Took ballast from the Lyman. Wrote and sent up monthly report by Dwight Norton, a graduate, who visits us after four years' farming in Malden, Ill. He is a splended specimen of a young man, morally and otherwise.

Dec. 24 The bay full of ice, but calm. Went to city in P. M. to get the boys' Christmas bundles. When on our return just off the Fort got lost in ice and fog. 'Ere long the fog lifted and the wind blew a gale from the S. W. The ice clogged the passage so that with our utmost efforts we were able to get home not until 8:30 eve. To add to our discomforts it commenced to rain hard so that ourselves and bundles were well soaked. Taken all in all a dangerous uncomfortable trip.

Dec. 24 A lovely day so calm and bright. The snow and ice of which there was plenty yester morn nearly all gone. Such a marked contrast to yesterday in every respect.

Dec. 25 Very mild, so summer like. . . . . played a game of croquet out-doors.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Cash on hand Dec. 1, 1921	$ 949.73
Deposited during the month	116.76
	$1066.49
Withdrawn during the month	38.50
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1922	$1027.99

December Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 65° on the 11th.

Minimum Temperature 11° on the 30th.

Mean Temperature for the month 30°.

Total precipitation 1.75 inches.

Greatest precipitation in 24 hours .52 inches on the 13th.

Eight days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 13 clear days, 10 partly cloudy, 8 cloudy.

Giving Out Football Cups

Last Monday Mr. Bradley gave out the silver cups and shield as rewards of football. The cups and shield are made of silver and have the owners names engraved on them. The cups are given to the owners who play the best in their positions. Each year Mr. S. V. R. Crosby a Manager of our School gives these cups and shields. The team that won the shield is as follows:

William E. Ericsson	Left End
Gunnar E. Anderson	Left Tackle
James A. Hughes	Left Guard
Seymour C. McFadyen	Center
William H. Waring	Right Guard
Randall G. Thornton	Right Tackle
Willis M. Smith	Right End
Samuel L. Whitehead	Quarterback
Robert H. Carney	Left Half Back
John M. Ely	Full Back
Howard E. Keith	Right Half Back

The boys that received the cups are as follows:

William E. Ericsson	Left End
Raymond H. McQuesten	Left Tackle
James A. Hughes	Left Guard
Herbert E. Noble	Center
Walter Curtis	Right Guard
Clarence E. Stevens	Right Tackle
Willis W. Smith	Right End
Waldo E. Libby	Quarterback
Arthur W. Gaunt	Left Half Back
John M. Ely	Full Back
Edward J. Robertson	Right Half Back
Gunnar E. Anderson	Sub. Left Tackle
Raymond Thomas	Sub. Right End

Waldo E. Libby

Our School Room

This year our teacher has decorated our school room with Christmas things which made the room look very pretty. The lights have pieces of paper ribbon, green and red, hanging from them. The walls are decorated with the scenes of Santa Claus filling the stockings and with him is his sleigh and reindeer. We have a picture on the bulletin board which reminds us of the Christ Child. RANDALL G. THORNTON

The Storm

Yesterday morning it was dark and dreary and the wind began to blow very hard. Then it began to rain, snow, and hail, and it lasted all day and by the time night came, the ground was all water and slush. JACK HOBSON

Scraping Chairs

Wednesday afternoon, I was told to scrape a chair. This chair belonged in the boys' dining room. We are going to scrape them all and then they will be varnished so they will look new. First I got a piece of glass to scrape the chair. It was quite hard at first, but I soon became used to it. I got two legs and a round of the chair done before the bell rang. I then came up and got ready for school.

PHILIP H. YOUNG

Work on the Farm

Yesterday afternoon, the farm boys built the Back Road up. We made new gutters and raked the road, we also did some work down at the South End. I like my work on the farm very much. BERTRAND R. EASTON

My Morning Work

Every morning my regular work is to clean the wash room and to put up the flag. I first sweep the floor then empty the wastebasket in Gardner Hall. I then wipe and oil the sink in which the boys wash. I wash the windows, shine brass and scrub the window sills. About that time it is eight o'clock, the time I put up the flag. When that is up, I shine brass or wash mirrors. KENNETH L. DROWN

A Spelling Match

One Friday afternoon the boys had a spelling match in the First Schoolroom. There were two captains one on each side of the room. The side I was on lost. We like spelling matches because it refreshes our memories.

HENRY E. GILCHRIST

The Choir

In connection with our Sunday Services we are going to have a choir. Our choir consists of twenty boys. The boys that sing different parts sit on different benches when we rehearse. Every Tuesday evening the choir meets in the Assembly Hall and we rehearse our hymns and songs. We have some new hymn books which are very good and they have over three hundred hymns in them. On the cover is printed Hymnal For American Youth. Our hymn books have a brown cover and on the inside each boy has his number. We like our new hymn bocks and try to keep them looking well.

ROBERT J. BUCHANAN

Stereopticans

Last Sunday evening we had some stereoptican slides on "The Story of the Bible." Mr. Bonney showed us slides of the different languages in which the Bible was written and printed up to our modern printing. Among the various writings were Egyptian picture writing, Hebrew, Greek, Latin and Anglo-Saxon. Mr. Bonney also gave some illustrations showing how hard the Christians fought for the Bible through the centuries. DONALD MCKENZIE

Working on the Woodpile

Recently the farm boys have been working on the woodpile by the Storage Barn. Some boys used the cross-cut saw in sawing the big piles taken from the Wharf. Other boys used bucksaws for sawing small wood and other boys use axes to split the wood. The small boys pile the wood and carry it to the larger boys to saw and split. HERBERT E. WRIGHT

Christmas Parcel Post

It is nearing Christmas time now and so parcel post packages are plentiful. This morning and for the last few days there has been a lot of parcel post. Today there were five parcel post bags and some odd bundles coming to the School. Tomorrow there will probably be more, or as many at least. ALEXANDER Y. DAVISON

The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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Ernest V. Wyatt, '13, 2nd officer on the Steamship Bayway, U. S. Consul, who was in Algiers the latter part of November is now in Rotterdam. He writes he expects to be back here by February.

G. George Larsson, '16, is stopping at 26 Linden Place, Brookline, Mass. For a while after his return from Sweden in November he was a guest of Mr. Lindbad in Philadelphia. Larsson's health is much improved.

Norman R. Wyatt, '16, of Amesbury, Mass., writes that he contemplates going into truck gardening this Spring. He is in partnership under the name "The Quality Gardens" and has his hot-bed well under way.

Russell A. Adams, '19, a Junior at the Walpole High School has written an interesting letter concerning his course and school activities. His address is 215 Spring Street, Walpole, Mass.

Leslie E. Russell, '17, is employed as salesman for a concern in Philadelphia. His territory is between Gardner and North Adams, Mass. Russell's headquarters are at Orange, Mass., his home address is 91 Mechanic Street, Orange.

Arthur D. Fearing, '84, and Mrs. Fearing of Wollaston are in Bermuda for a porion of the winter.

A Pleasant Evening

Sunday evening two friends of our minister, Mr. Bonney, came to the Island. One of the ladies was Miss Lombard, a singer, and the other was Miss Hancock, a professor at Gordon University. Last summer she had travelled through Palestine and Egypt. First she showed us some articles of clothing worn by the people of Palestine. There were many lantern slides of pictures taken in Palestine, which were shown. The singer also sang some very good selections. We enjoyed a pleasant evening.

Ivers E. Winmill

Current Events

The "Current Events" are published once a week in three different places; New York, Columbus, Ohio, and Chicago, Ill. The little papers are very interesting as they tell of most of the important happenings of the week. There is a "Question Box" in which questions are asked and answered. Some of the questions asked in the last issue were, "How long does it take for a ray of sun to reach the earth?" Ans: "The enormous distance of 93,000,000 miles from the earth to the sun takes a little more than eight minutes. Another question was: "What state is represented by the 48th star of our flag?" The answer was, "Arizona. It was admitted to the Union, Feb. 14, 1912. New Mexico was the 47th. It was admitted Jan. 6, 1912. By the date of its admission, Arizona became known as the 'Valentine State.' " These are only a few of them.

George A. Adams

Folding Beacons

A few days ago I went to the boys' reading room to fold Beacons. After I had folded some Miss Waldron told me to bring them into the office and count them. I counted eight hundred Beacons.

Ralph I. Swan

A Story

Our teacher sometimes reads to us the last ten minutes of our school session. The book she is reading now is a library book and its name is "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch." It is written by Alice Caldwell Hegan. It says on one of the front pages, "This little story is lovingly dedicated to my mother who for years has been the good angel of The Cabbage Patch." This is very interesting and we all like it very much.

Robert H. Carney

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CHARLES HENRY BRADLEY

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1888-1922

"Out of the shadows of night
The world rolls into light;
It is daybreak everywhere."

And after the long night of suffering, the spirit of Charles Henry Bradley beloved superintendent of The Farm and Trades School, left its earthly temple for the realm of peace and light. He had served as superintendent for almost thirty-four years, the longest term in the history of the School. Death came on Monday, January 30, 1922.

Born in Johnson, Lamoille County, Vermont, on February 13, 1860, educated in the public schools and the State Normal School in his native town, he became at the age of twenty an instructor in the State School at Monson, Massachusetts, and eight years later was appointed superintendent of The Farm and Trades School.

It was late in February, 1888, that he first saw Thompson's Island. He came with his wife to look over the institution whose direction had been offered to him. In the new position he would be the successor of a man of high character and great executive ability who had served as superintendent for thirty-three years. Mr. Bradley had just passed his 28th birthday. The position thus offered to him called for diverse ability, the management and development of boys in mental, moral, and physical ways, and in their general oversight after graduation; the management of a large corps of instructors; the direction of an estate and farm of 157 acres; and the annual expenditure of many thousands of dollars.

What Mr. Bradley saw on that first visit fascinated and challenged him with its possibilities for service, and he caught the vision of a future that filled his soul and abided with him to the end. He assumed the new duties on March 1, 1888. When death called him from earth he had served as superintendent of The Farm and Trades School for 34 years, lacking one month. In age, he lacked two weeks of being 62.

The story of Mr. Bradley's service is hardly paralleled in American educational institutions. To a very remarkable degee he was able to impress his ideas upon the venerable institution, and at the same time to maintain its traditions and ideals. He found a school beginning its 75th year of history, which from its foundation had been controlled by a Board of Managers composed of the finest type of Boston citizenship, the type of men, in fact, as was once said, "in whose keeping was the New England conscience," and whose traditions of efficiency and civic uprightness had long been firmly fixed. That was the characteristic of the school which Mr. Bradley undertook to carry forward, and he assumed the task with enthusiasm and fidelity. In the succeeding years many things were changed, and all for the better; numerous improvements were introduced in methods and equipment, but the traditions of the School remained inviolate.

The purpose of the School, under his direction became more truly understood by the world at large. Into a simple sentence of nine words he compressed the aim and character of The Farm and Trades School, which went throughout the country every month, in the school paper, proclaiming it to be "A private school for worthy boys of limited means." No one was more jealous than he of its good name, and never would he consent to anything which might lower its standard or mar the reputation of the School and its boys.

The changes of various kinds which were introduced perhaps best mark the path of progress under his superintendency. Changes included even the name in order that the true purpose of the School might be more clearly understood. The curriculum was much enlarged. Practical training in municipal government through Cottage Row, the administration of school discipline through a council of boys, knowledge of business methods through the operation of The Farm School Bank and Trading Company, and familiarity with property rights through the system of transferring shares of Cottage Row

were some of the things which emanated from Mr. Bradley's active mind, and were developed into practical and successful courses. Yet all the good things of the older days were maintained and instruction in new trades was added. One of the last things he started was the addition of another year to the School's course, bringing the curriculum up to the end of the first year of a Boston High School.

The relation of the boys to the Superintendent and corps of instructors was so modified that once a week, on every Monday evening, any boy could approach the superintendent direct to make a request or a protest, with the absolute assurance of a sympathetic hearing.

Graduates were organized into an Alumni Association, now in its 23d year of existence, which gives a support to the School never before known.

The invested funds of the School grew from about an eighth to about a half million dollars, although the annual expeditures increased nearly fourfold.

To tell of the improvement of the physical plant and its equipment, with the introduction of Metropolitan Water service, telephone, an all-winter steamboat service, a power plant which furnishes electricity for illumination and domestic purposes, with all that that means in modern living conditions and comfort, would take more space than is here available.

One achievement which gave rare satisfaction both to Mr. Bradley and to the Alumni was accomplished in 1912, when at the request of the Board of Managers the Alumni Association named one of their number for a place upon the Board of Managers. Since that time two other graduates have been so named and elected.

In the very best sense of word, Mr. Bradley was a "mixer." He chose his friends with a fine discrimination. Few men in this part of the country had a larger circle of friends and acquaintances, and in his friendships he was ever loyal. He held membership in the Vermont Association of Boston, of which he had been president; in the Vermont Historical Society; in the Massachusetts Charitable Mechanic Association, of which he had been vice president; in the Twentieth Century Club, the Monday Evening Club, the National Conference of Charities and Correction, the National Prison Congress, the American Statistical Association, the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, the American Forestry Association, the Massachusetts Bee Keepers Association, the South Boston Yacht Club, and in many Masonic bodies. He was a trustee of Norwich University at Northfield, Vermont, and he had been honored with the degree of Master of Arts by that University.

Mr. Bradley had travelled much in the United States and had visited many educational institutions to study plans and methods. In 1905 he spent several months in England and on the Continent in the same way. It was natural that a man so well known because of his success as superintendent of The Farm and Trades School should be sought by other institutions, but the several invitations to go elsewhere at a larger financial compensation than he was then receiving, were always declined in behalf of his life work here. He had a genius for drawing about himself workers of ability, and to inspire them with his own enthusiasm for The Farm and Trades School. The list of instructors associated with Mr. Bradley in the past third of a century is an illustrious one. His great aim was to make The Farm and Trades School the best that it was humanly possible to make it.

In the final scene of his life there is something approaching the heroic. A year ago he was informed by medical experts of his physical condition, and was told that the disease which had attacked him would probably claim him as a victim within a year. But undismayed by this knowledge, he kept at his beloved task, cheerful and courageous, with unabated interest and enthusiasm. For nearly two months he had been confined to his room, but as long as he had strength to do it, he thought of his friends and his boys, and upon hearing of the illness of one of them in a hospital,

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CHARLES HENRY BRADLEY

A notable tribute and memorial to our late Superintendent was presented at a recent meeting of the Board of Managers and unanimously adopted.

The Board of Managers of The Farm and Trades School, as well as all who knew him, mourn the death of CHARLES H. BRADLEY on January 30th. Of rugged Vermont stock Mr. Bradley maintained a keen interest in his native state and its people. He was active in the Vermont Association of Boston, and his interest in Norwich University of Northfield, Vermont, from which he received an honorary degree, and of which he became a trustee, never waned. He was vice president of the Massachusetts Charitable Mechanics Association, and was prominent in Masonic orders.

All of these interests, however, were subordinate to The Farm and Trades School, which was his life work, and which he loved. For thirty-four years he was superintendent of the School, and he devoted his mature life wholeheartedly and enthusiastically to the education of the boys who went there. It was Mr. Bradley's task to supply these boys with proper education, and imbue them with a spirit of helpfulness and usefulness, and point out the road to an honorable career. All this he did with rare skill and judgment. His treatment of scholars was always just, and even though a boy might sometimes feel that Mr. Bradley had been a little severe invariably he would be quick to acknowledge the fairmindedness of the discipline. After leaving the School, boys would frequently return to Mr. Bradley for advice. They never failed to find a keen interest and ready sympathy, and were sure to receive a solution to their difficulties, however perplexing. His counsel at Board meetings was exceedingly valuable. No task seemed too difficult for him. Not only was he always willing and ready to assume any undertaking which seemed to be of benefit to the School, but he often initiated important improvements. Cottage Row and the Meteorological Station were typical of his aggressive ideas.

We mourn his loss, and shall sadly miss his genial presence, his thorough interest and sagacious handling of difficult problems. We cherish his memory and are grateful for his enduring influence and for his example of sincere purpose and unselfish devotion to a broad and far-reaching work.

CHARLES E. MASON
MATT B. JONES
WALTER B. FOSTER

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(although he himself was much more seriously ill), he took up his telephone and personally inquired for his friend, and spoke words of hope and encouragement.

The first announcement of his serious illness came at the annual dinner of the Alumni Association in January, when his absence was explained, and it produced profound sorrow. The subsequent announcement of a gift of $1000 to the Association for the Alumni fund rom an anonymous friend, which many truly divined was from him, served to make everyone realize what a true friend they had in Charles Henry Bradley.

He was faithful to the end.

"And so beside the silent sea
I wait the muffled oar;
No harm from Him can come to me
On ocean or on shore.

I know not where His islands lift
Their fronded palms in air;
I only know I cannot drift
Beyond His love and care."

William Alcott, '84

Calendar

Jan. 1 Sunday. Regular morning and afternoon services with song service during the evening.

Jan. 3 Working on wood-pile and hauling coal and bakery wood.

Bay frozen over this morning, first time this winter.

Started to take down Christmas decorations in Assembly Hall.

School work was resumed this morning after a week's vacation.

Jan. 4 Killed a hog today.

The Launch was brought ashore today for the winter.

Secretary Tucker Daland was here for the afternoon.

Jan. 5 The boilers in the "Pilgrim" and at the Power House were inspected today by Insurance Company inspector.

Manager Arthur Adams, Charles E. Mason and Philip S. Sears spent the afternoon at the School.

Jan. 6 Manager W. B. Foster, Mr. Merton P. Ellis and Mr. Zinn visited here during the afternoon.

Jan. 7 The first basketball game of the season was played this afternoon between teams A and B. Team A won.

Jan. 10 Team C defeated team D 25 to 8 this evening in the second basketball game of the season.

Jan. 11 Snowing hard with strong east gale.

Annual Alumni dinner was given this evening at Hotel Bellevue.

Jan. 12 President Arthur Adams, Ass't Treasurer Alfred C. Malm and Clarence W. Loud, '96, visited here this afternoon.

John A. Robertson,'15,is here for a few days.

Jan. 13 Boys are enjoying skating on East Side.

Secretary Tucker Daland visited here briefly this afternoon.

Jan. 14 The third basketball game was played this afternoon. Team C defeated team A 14 to 6.

A number of boys went to the dentist today to get their teeth filled.

The School plants were inspected to-day by Mr. Cruckshank of R. and J. Farquhar Company.

Donald S. McPherson, '17, and Warren F. Noyes, '19, were here for the afternoon.

Jan. 17 President Arthur Adams and Mr. Frank R. Whall were here for the afternoon.

Killed a hog today, weight 309 pounds.

Jan. 18 Hauled wood off beach to incinerator.

The School is the recipient of a gift of $500 from Mr. Frank R. Whall.

Began scraping inside of Pilgrim preparatory to varnishing.

Jan. 19 Manager Charles P. Curtis, Mr. Merton P. Ellis and Mr. Arthur Beane were here for the afternoon. A gift of fourteen victrola records was received today from Mr. Merton P. Ellis.

Jan. 21 Team B defeated team D at basketball in the fourth game of the season this

Several boys had teeth filled at the dentists to-day.

Mr. Arthur Beane came this afternoon to spend the week end.

Jan. 23 The Shaw Conduct Prizes and Temple Consolation prizes were awarded to-night after Grade Reading. Mr. Merton P. Ellis, '97, in behalf of the Alumni Association, presented Ralph L. Langille, '19, with a pair of Marine glasses. This was in recognition of Langille saving two young boys from drowning last summer.

Wallace A. Bacon, ex '19, has left Proctor Academy and has started work on the School farm.

President Arthur Adams visited here this afternoon.

Jan. 24 Harbor frozen over for the second time this winter.

Jan. 25 An interesting debate was given this evening. The subject was "Resolved that Football is better than Baseball." The negative side won.

Jan. 26 New lumber came to-day for sloyd work.

Jan. 27 President Arthur Adams spent the afternoon here.

Jan. 28 Working on woodpile.

Walter Lind, ex '20, visited the School to-day.

Team A defeated Team D at basketball this afternoon.

Jan. 30 Superintendent Charles H. Bradley died this morning at 11:15, after an illness of several weeks.

Jan. 31 The annual meeting of the School Corporation was held this afternoon.

Calendar 50 Years Ago, 1872

AS KEPT BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Jan. 1 The year comes in mildly, and finds all well at this School. With a full complement of boys and able assistants we look forwith very pleasant expectations.

Jan. 5 Mr. S. G. Deblois came to pass the night with us. Talked finely to the boys and showed them some fine specimens of leaves, ferns, etc., lent him by Thos. Gaffield, Esq.

Jan. 8 Very cold, a good deal of ice formed last night. It however went out so that I was able to cross with my annual report.

Jan. 9 Came home at an unfortunate state of tide. Boat aground and everything wrong. Boat boys careless.

Jan. 10 A most lovely day; calm as summer: and forenoon as bright. P. M. overcast. Self pruned trees.

Jan .29 Attended church in A.M. at Westboro——listened to a good sermon, a treat which I enjoyed much, inasmuch as I hear on the average not more than one sermon a year. In P. M. Mr. Deblois conducted services in the Chapel. In eve, Sunday School concert which was very interesting.

January Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 45° on the 15th.

Minimum Temperature 9° on the 23rd and 24th.

Mean Temperature for the month 27°.

Total precipitation .87 inches.

Greatest precipitation in 24 hours .76 inches on the 11th and 12th.

Four days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 12 clear days, 9 partly cloudy, 10 cloudy.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1922	$1027.99
Deposited during the month	59.14
	$1087.13
Withdrawn during the month	30.87
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1922	$1056.26

Trimming Cabbages

Yesterday afternoon I worked at the Farm House cellar taking the outside leaves from the cabbages. I first took a knife and cut off all the dead leaves until I came to the clean leaves.

RALPH I. SWAN

The Library

In the Assembly Room there is a bulletin board hung up on the wall, and on the board are printed lists with the names of the books in the library, with the numbers and the author's name. When a boy wants a book, he looks at the papers and picks it out, writing out the number on his library card, which he puts in a box kept for that purpose in the book cupboard. The librarian then takes the cards Sunday morning and gets the book which the boy wants. The library is in the Assembly Hall.

JOHN M. LEVIS

Fixing Beet Pulp

Some times I get the beet pulp ready for the cows. First I go up to the house and get a barrel of hot water, then I take it to the Barn and put half a bag of beet pulp in another barrel. Then I take the water in pails from the water barrel and put it in the barrel which has the beet pulp. The hot water makes the pulp expand and it is let stand from ten to twelve hours. We feed it to the cows morning and night.

NORMAN T. HOWES

A Skating Party

One evening Mr. Swasey asked the First and Second graders if they would like to go skating. All were anxious to go. About 7:30 we went to the West Side of the Island which had been flooded. We were told to get some wood for a good fire. Soon the fire was blazing well. While we were skating some of the Instructors popped corn which was free for all, later. We all enjoyed the skating very much.

JOHN M. ELY, JR.

Baling Paper

One day my instructor told me to go down to the basement of Gardner Hall and bale paper. The paper is baled by a paper baler which works by hand. First I put all the paper in I could and then I pressed it down. When I had enough paper I took some wire and put it around the paper. I started to make another bale when the bell rang and I went up to the house and washed for school, WILLARD G. SCHROEDER

A game of Basket Ball

Every afternoon the boys in the dining room and kitchen choose up for a game of basket Ball. We have a chance to play in the afternoon because the other boys play while we are on duty before and after meals. When we finish our work we are dismissed for the rest of the afternoon. We then play Basket Ball or something else which is fun. Sometimes the boys in the dining room play the kitchen boys a game. Other times we choose up. I like to have my play time in the afternoon very much.

KENNETH L. DROWN

A Trial

In our school room we have trial nearly every Friday afternoon. We arrest boys for any kind of disorder. We change our officers every week. Our officers at present are:

Mayor	Gunner E. Anderson
Judge	James E. Hughes
Clerk	Paul F. Reid
Chief of Police	Raymond Thomas
Lieutenant	Hildreth R. Crosby
Sergeant	James A. Paley
1st Patrolman	Walter H. Curtis
2nd "	Robert E. Dill
3rd "	Arthur R. Turner
4th "	Russell E. Long
5th "	William R. Holman

GUNNER E. ANDERSON

Saws Used on the Farm

We use a cross-cut saw in sawing the very large wood and the piles which were taken from the wharf, when it was being repaired. We use a smaller cross-cut saw in sawing the lighter planks, small pine trees and branches of the apple trees. We then use a buck-saw to saw the wood smaller than that.

LEON G. ANDREWS

Coasting

The boys coast on the Front Avenue almost every day. There has been a slide made because there was not enough snow on the Avenue The First graders can go coasting every day, the Second graders every other day and the Third graders on Saturday. WILLIAM F. ANDERSON

The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

James H. Graham, '77, President
Boston

Merton P. Ellis, '97, Secretary
25 Rockdale Street, Boston 26.

William F. Davis, '79, Vice-President
Chelsea

Augustus N. Doe, '75, Treasurer
Wellesley

Lawrence M. Cobb, '14, Vice-President
Cambridge

Howard F. Lochrie, '16, Historian
West Roxbury

William N. Phillips, '94, has recently been made secretary of the Missouri Soldier's Bonus Commission. Phillips enlisted in the World War as a member of the 128th Field Artillery, 35th Division, and was commissioned an officer while in France. His address is 3533 Arsenal Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

Franklin P. Miller, '19, junior at Mt. Hermon School, Northfield, Mass. has entered the Brattleboro Memorial Hospital, Brattleboro, Vermont, for an operation for appendicitis

Nicholas M. Suarez, Jr. '19, having finished school in Hampton, Virginia, has gone to Philadelphia where he has employment. His address is 1226 N. 10th Street, Philadelphia. Suarez is greatly interested in his Alma Mater and would be pleased to hear from his former classmates.

Eldred W. Allen, '16, writes that he is logging in the woods of New Hampshire this winter. His address is Meredith, N. H.

William S. Clarke, '73, has moved from 965 Broadway, Everett, Massachusetts, to 21 Windsor Road, West Somerville 44, Massachusetts.

Mrs. Edward M. Fuller daughter of Robert Morrison, who was Superintendent of The Farm and Trades School from 1841 to 1856, died in New York City on January 28, in her eighty-third year. She was a staunch friend to the School, and loved the Island where she spent her young girlhood

Our New Poem

Today our teacher gave us a new poem to learn. The name of it is, "Old Ironsides," written by Oliver Wendell Holmes. This poem is about an old warship named the "Constitution" which was the first American frigate to ever win a sea fight against the English. This was during the war of 1812. Quite a while afterward, his ship was to be sold as junk, but this poem was written as a protest in order to save the ship from such a result. As it is expressed in the poem;

"O better that her shattered hulk
Should sink beneath the wave;
Her thunders shook the mighty deep,
And there should be her grave."

It was partly through this poem that "Old Ironsides" was saved and is now in the Charlestown Navy Yard.

Thomas A. Hall

Tending the Flags

There are two flag poles near the main building. One we call the main flag pole, which is on the playground and the other is the Cottage Row flag pole. The two flags are put up at eight o'clock in the morning and are hauled down at sunset. There are two boys who tend to the flags. In the morning Drown and Reid and in the afternoon Drown and Keith haul the flags down. The bugler is Libby and he plays both flag raising and flag lowering.

John A. Arkerson

Waxing The Floors

Before we wax the floor we sweep and scrub it, then our supervisor gives us cans of wax and weights. First we wax the floor then we run the weights over and they shine the floor The floor looks good afterwards.

Bertrand R. Easton

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The King Phillip's War.

Every year the boys celebrate February 22 by a snow ball battle or a King Phillip's War.

This year it was the latter. About 2 o'clock all the boys assembled in the gymnasium, in two different groups composing the Indians and the Settlers. Here the rules of the game were gone over, etc. Then King Phillip and the General tossed up to see who would go to his fort first. King Phillip won, and so he took his men, and went to his main fort at North End. After the Indians had been gone ten minutes, the Settlers started for their main fort at the South End of the Island. At the end of twenty minutes from the start, the game began. Both armies sent out scouts, and waited for them to report news of the enemy. The Indians sent two divisions, advancing East and West, towards South End. Soon the scouts on the Indians side saw the enemy advancing in full force. So the two divisions of Indians joined forces and marched across "no man's-land", and into the enemies territory. Then the Settlers charged, and the Indians had to retreat behind a knoll out of sight of the Settlers. Here they all got together and made ready to charge, and surround the enemy when they came up, which happened soon after. Then a battle insued in which the Settlers came out "on top," having captured the larger number of men and points. The game is won by the side having the larger number of points at expiration of time, which is two full hours.

Although no one knew it at the time, this really was the end of the game. The Settlers took their prisoners back to their camp and the Indians to theirs. The Settlers didn't attack again, they knew better than to try to catch King Phillip, who walked about in plain sight of their camp. Probably if they had tried, he would have lead them into an ambush of officers, thus capturing the points he needed, and winning the game. Just as the remaining forces of the Indians were advancing to attack the fort of the Settlers, the bell in the tower of the Main Building rang out, thus signaling "the end of the game." There was much victorious shouting on the Settlers side when the game was up. The Settlers had 30 points and the Indians 15.

During the game judges and umpires were with each force at the different camps to see that the captures were legal, as captures and points had to be made by a larger number of men each. A private, a scout and a buck each counts one point, therefore, if a scout was out, and saw a buck or a private walking about, in order to make a legal capture, he would have to return to camp for a man. Then he would have two men and two points, to one man and one point. When a capture is made the officer says, "Halt, you're my prisoner," and from then on the prisoner is "dead." If a scout can run through the prison camp of the enemy, and touch one of the captured men of his side, before he is captured himself, the prisoner is free, and is given two minutes to get over the border.

The Settlers marched with their prisoners from South End to the gymnasium. Then the prisoners joined their own side, and the Indians coming from North End turned over their prisoners and cheered the victorious side. The

Settlers then marched around the Main Building stopping in front of the Store Room to get their reward, "EATS." Then with the invited Indian officers they filed up the gymnasium stairs and had refreshments. We all enjoyed the day very much. The points count as follows:

SETTLERS

D. Smith,	General	—	25 point
O. Bursiel,	Captain	—	15 "
E. Robertson,	1st Lieutenant	—	10 "
W. Libby,	2nd Lieutenant	—	5 "
C. Shaw,	1st Sergeant	—	5 "
D. Long,	2nd Sergeant	—	2 "
W. Smith,	3rd Sergeant	—	2 "
K. Drown,	1st Color Sergeant	—	2 "
A. Beeman,	2nd Color Sergeant	—	2 "
Settlers,	Privates	—	1 "

INDIANS

L. Halfyard	King Phillip	—	25 point
J. Ely	Big Chief	—	15 "
L. Whitehead	Little Chief	—	10 "
A. Gaunt	1st Warrior	—	5 "
M. Cameron	2nd Warrior	—	5 "
R. Giese	1st Brave	—	2 "
E. Schippers	2nd Brave	—	2 "
I. Winmill	3rd Brave	—	2 "
T. Hadley	Medicine Man	—	2 "
Indians	Young Bucks	—	1 "

SAMUEL L. WHITEHEAD

Our Observatory

Our observatory is located on the southwest side of the Island where there are no trees or buildings to shed the wind. It is also on a small hill. On the first floor of the observatory is the quadrupel register. This is what records precipitation, sunshine, wind direction and velocity. On the roof of the observatory are the maximum, minimum, wet bulb and dry bulb thermometers, also an electrical sunshine recorder which is connected with the quadrupel register. The precipitation is recorded by an electrical tip bucket rain gauge which is located some distance from the observatory. MAHLON H. MONTIETH

Washing Windows

Lately another boy and I have been washing windows in the barn. First we get two pails of hot water and then take a rag and wash off the dirt, then we take a dry cloth and wipe it dry. We did this until it was time to go up to the house. ROGER K. SMITH

The Election

As the election was postponed from January 3, 1922 the clerk posted a notice on the bulletin board for an election January 12th, Mayor Kearns called the meeting to order. The police took charge and the clerk read the notice. The Mayor oppointed for his tellers, Libby, Russell and Hadley. The share holders voted first, and then the non-share holders. The result was as follows;

Judge Ralph L. Langille
Mayor David E. Long

Share Holding Aldermen, Alexander Y. Davison, Arthur W. Gaunt, Willis M. Smith.

Non-share Holding Aldermen, John E. Robertson, Waldo E. Libby.

Treasurer Henry P. Clifford
Assessor Kenneth E. Kearns

The Mayor appointed;

Chief of Police Theodore B. Hadley
Clerk James B. Scott
Librarian George D. Russell
Street Commissioner Robert J. Buchanan
Janitor Clifton E. Albee

The Chief of Police appointed;

Lieutenant Charles C. Shaw
Sargent Chester W. Buchan

Patrolmen; William E. Ericsson, Samuel L. Whitehead, Alexander McKenzie, Barton N. Slade and Harold B. Buchan. The officers were sworn in by Mr. Swasey.

DAVID E. LONG

Screening Gravel

For a few days, four other boys and I have been screening gravel. The first day we took a "short-cut" and tried to find gravel for screening. We hunted all morning until school-time but could not find any. The second morning

we found some good gravel. We sift it so that we may spread it over roads and small grounds so that they are better looking, and not so muddy. Screening gravel is a hard but good job.

BERTRAND R. EASTON

Bucking Ice

Every once in awhile when the bay is frozen over, the Steamer has much difficulty in breaking her way across to City Point, some times cutting away in big cakes, so the tide will carry them out. This year we haven't had as much ice as we have had in previous winters. So far this winter it has only frozen over a few times. The way we break the ice is to first go ahead and then astern, then ahead and charge into the ice again. In this way we manage to break channels in which to pass through.

ALEXANDER Y. DAVISON

An Appropriate Poem

One day as I was looking through a book of poems I saw a poem which I liked very well. The name of it was "The Hard Job" by Edgar A. Guest. It reads like this:

"It's good to do the hard job, for it's good to play the man,

For the hard job strengthens courage which the easy never can,

And the hard job when it's over, gives the man a broader smile

For it brings the joy of knowing that he's done a thing worth while."

When I read it I thought of what the School stood for. The School gives a boy more opportunities than any other school I know of and it makes a man of you. The School stands for Honesty, Manliness and Integrity.

RANDALL G. THORNTON

Boys' Mail

Every day the mail boy goes over to the Boston Post Office after mail. When he comes back he leaves the mail bag in the office. Then the office instructor sorts the mail and leaves the boys' mail in a certain part of the office. The teachers take this mail, and record it. It is then given to the boys during school time. If there is any money inside of the letters it is put in the bank. We all enjoy receiving mail.

THOMAS A. HALL

Making of the Snow Fort

One Saturday afternoon some of the boys went to the playgrounds. We found some doors and barrels which were brought there from the Storage Barn so that we could make the fort. First we put the doors on the ground and put snow up against them. We then move the doors, and about twenty feet apart we put a barrel and then some snow on top and then repeat it. The forts were to be four ft. high and 60 ft. long. We had about 15 feet done on our forts. The sun came out so we could not work on the forts so we had a King Phillips War. I like a King Phillips War better than I do a snow ball battle.

EDWARD J. ROBERTSON

Helping the Supervisor

Recently a few of the boys of the advanced class have been helping the Supervisor. There are four boys whom the Supervisor selected among the graduates. The time is divided between them during the day. One boy has from quarter of six to quarter of nine, the next has from eleven to one, the next from one to half past two, and the last from five to half past seven. This teaches the boys to be leaders and gives them the use of judgment, patience and responsibility.

ARTHUR W. GAUNT

Coasting

We have been having some fine coasting lately. The last two or three weeks it has been cold enough to make our slide freeze good and hard. We use the Rear Avenue to come up on. This prevents anyone from getting hurt. In order to make the slide, we collected a lot of snow and banked it on one side of the Avenue, and then sprinkled water on it. It froze up so well that when coast we go all the way to the Wharf.

RALPH S. BLAKE

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The tenth of February the Admission Committee of The Farm and Trades School held its quarterly meeting to decide on the admission of applicants to the School.

There were many applications considered. A number of boys were accepted. These boys were taken to the School and a new start for them, under new conditions and in a new in-vironment, began.

One of the big problems of to-day is, "What shall we do with the boys, how shall we treat them, and how shall we educate them to be good, honest and reliable men?" The immediate question is "How shall we start the boy?" The right start leads on to success. Failure starts with the wrong beginning, and often accompanies unpleasant environment.

Environment is of great importance. A boy starts life inheriting many of of the qualities of his father and mother. What he becomes, or what he does with his heritage, depends largely on his environment and teaching.

At the age of ten the boy is old enough to require less attention to his physical condition, and more attention to his mental development. Every boy is entitled to a fundamental education. He must learn to read, to write well, to figure, and to be familiar with the common school studies. Without the principles of education he will find it very hard to branch out, or enter any business. He must have a good start, or foundation, on which to build his life work and his character and reputation.

The first few days at The Farm and Trades School are trying ones for a new boy. Everything is strange, The many faces he sees are new and unfamiliar. He quickly makes the acquaintance of a few boys. He soon learns the ways of the School and of the Instructors and his start is made.

Whether the start is good or bad, depends somewhat on his earlier training, and ability to adapt himself to new conditions.

"The right start leads to a successful finish."

Calendar

Feb. 1 Working on wood pile.

President Arthur Adams was here for the afternoon.

The scow was pulled onto the beach today for the winter.

Feb. 2 Funeral services for Superintendent Charles H. Bradley were held at the School at 10 o'clock this morning for the students, and at 3 o'clock this afternoon at Hawes Unitarian church, South Boston. Six of the boys acted as pall bearers.

President and Mrs. Arthur Adams, Manager W. B. Foster, and Howard B. Ellis, '97, were among those who came over to attend the funeral of Superintendent Bradley.

Feb. 3 Digging parsnips.

President Arthur Adams and Manager W. B. Foster were here this morning to talk to the boys about carrying on the work of the late Superintendent C. H. Bradley.

Feb. 4 Charles Russell, ex '02, was here this afternoon to look over the steamer in preparation for repairs to the engine.

James B. Rouse, '21, a student at the Peabody School, Salem, came this afternoon to remain over Sunday.

Basketball game, Team A 24 Team B 12.

Feb. 5 Dressed hog weighing 302 pounds

Mr. Jeustity, a Hindu Student at the Gordon Bible College, gave the boys an interesting talk this afternoon and evening. He brought with him a costume like that worn in his country.

Feb. 9 President Arthur Adams and Assistant Treasurer Alfred C. Malm, '00, visited the School this afternoon.

Feb. 10 A meeting of the Admission Board was held this morning. Five boys have been admitted to the School; Warren Burriss, Alfred Cheney, Burton Dorman, Raymond Fitch and Jay Sumner Vining.

Feb. 11 Donald B. Akerstrom, '19, and Aldevin A. Lammi, '20, were here for the afternoon.

Feb. 13 Started pruning little oaks at South End.

The School was given a holiday today in observance of the birthday of the late Supt. C. H. Bradley. An appropriate program was given by the boys during the afternoon. Manager W. B. Foster was present and gave to the School, in memory of Mr. Bradley, a beautiful landscape painting. Mr. Howard B. Ellis, '97, was here to assist the band in its part of the program.

Feb. 14 A Valentine party was given during the evening with dancing and refreshments.

The Pilgrim is at Lawley's to have the rudder repaired.

Feb. 16 Shoveled snow, and made new pigeon nests.

The blacksmith was here today.

Feb. 18 A basketball game was played this afternoon between Teams A and C. The score was 14 to 9 in favor of Team A.

Feb. 20 Finished pruning little oaks.

Charles Russell, '02, is working on steamer today.

Feb. 21 Began pruning apple trees.

George Buchan, '97, and Philip Landry, '19, came this afternoon to visit School over holiday.

Feb. 22 King Phillip's war between Colonists, Captained by Daniel E. Smith, and the Indians, captained by Luke W. B. Halfyard. The war was won by the Colonists.

Managers C. P. Curtis, and George L. DeBlois, accompanied by Mr. Williams were here for the afternoon.

The basketball game in the evening between B and D resulted in a victory for team B, 24 to 14.

Feb 24 Cut down three big trees today on Highland Road.

Feb. 25 Team A defeated Team D at basketball this afternoon. The score was 22 to 5.

Feb. 27 First message was received tonight over the boys' wireless apparatus.

Feb. 28 Dressed hog weighting 325 lbs.

Cleaning inside of Storage barn to make ready for spring.

Game tonight between Team C and Team D. Team C won 30 to 9.

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Feb. 3 East Wind. At noon commenced snowing fast, continuing through the night.

Feb. 4 Pleasant, cool. Ground covered with snow held down by crust.

Feb. 10 Dr. Homans came to re-vaccinate several of our boys.

Feb. 14 Mr. Gould and self went over in the "Willie." Had a rough time. Got a quantity of drawing books, pencils, rubbers, etc., for school.

Feb. 17 Charles Duncan came.

Feb. 20 Fine. Mr. S. G. Deblois and Miss Joy, a reporter for the Boston Post visited us, and enjoyed it much. I returned with them to attend lecture by Robert Collyer who talked on "Chicago from the Fire" or Chicago from October to February. I enjoyed the lecture very much. My second lecture for the season.

Feb. 22 Has been a cold blustering day. No crossing.

Feb. 23 Cold. Mercury at 4° above zero at 7 A M.

Feb. 24 Since yesterday at 7 A. M. the mercury has risen 53° at 3:00 this P. M.

Feb. 25 A furiously windy day west from N. W.

Feb. 26 The most boisterous day of the season. A perfect gale from the N. W. Colder -- 18 above 0.

Feb. 27 Ice -- no crossing.

Feb. 29 Succeeded in crossing this P. M. We have been favored with good health, and the school has progressed favorably. There is but little in winter to break the monotony of our labors.

February Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 51° on the 20th.

Minimum Temperature 2° on the 17th.

Mean Temperature for the month 31°.

Total precipitation 2.43 inches.

Greatest precipitation in 24 hours .71 inches on the 16th

Nine days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 15 clear days, 2 partly cloudy, 11 cloudy.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1922	$1056.26
Deposited during the month	43.88
	$1100.14
Withdrawn during the month	19.77
Cash on hand Mar. 1, 1922	$1080.37

St. Valentine's Day

St. Valentine's Day I had the privilege of decorating the Assemly Hall. We put up streamers then we cut out a great many hearts and put strings on them to hang on the streamers, There was a large heart cut out to hang in the middle of the room. After we had finished it looked fine. We then cleaned up and made a cozy corner, then we went to supper. After 7:30 the boys came up to dance. About 10:00 o'clock we had refreshments of ginger ale and cookies which tasted very good. After a little more dancing we retired. I think everybody enjoyed it very much. KENNETH L. DROWN

A Package

One Wednesday night I was told to go to the office and report to the instructor. She gave me a card and a package. I sent the thankful card to my mother. I am very glad to get packages, as any boy is thankful to get one from home. HILDRETH R. CROSBY

Taking Care of Plants

In Chapel and in the first and second school rooms, we have quite a few plants and shrubs. It is my work before school to water them, dig around them and take the leaves out. I do this so that our plants may grow strong and healthy.

CLARENCE E. STEVENS

A Basketball Game

On the morning of Washington's Birthday the Graduates and School Basketball teams played. The game started at 10.25. The first five minutes of play was discouraging to our team for the Graduates made an eight point lead. We settled down after that, and each team had to work for all baskets they got. The

first half ended 16-12 in favor of the Graduates. We started the last of the game more snappy and soon tied the score 18-18 in all. In the last five minutes of play we got two more baskets and won the game 22-18. The lineup was as follows:-

School	Positions	Graduates
Libby	R. F.	Halfyard
Shaw	L. F.	Schippers
Whitehead	C.	Bacon
Robertson	R. G.	Smith
Gaunt, Drown	L. G.	Hadley

Waldo E. Libby

Our Sunday School Program

Every six weeks we elect a new Secretary and a new Leader. The Leader sits in the front of the room with Mr. Bonney. His duty is to announce hymns and read the scripture. He also leads us in reciting a Psalm. The Secretary sits on the front bench and copies the main facts of the lesson. These he writes in the book furnished for this purpose and the next Sunday he reads it to refresh our memories Daniel E. Smith is the Leader now and Ivers E. Winmill is the Secretary. This gives us a feeling of greater responsibility. Our Sunday evening services have been changed. Last Sunday the topic was Conscience. Mr. Swasey was the Leader. Some of the boys read different passages in the Bible relating to conscience. We also sang some hymns. Kenneth E. Kearns

My Work in the Kitchen

In the morning I work in the kitchen. I get up at quarter of five and come down stairs. I clean out the stove and take the ashes down to the Power House. When I come back I get a can to put the milk in. I then wipe the stove off and wait for the instructor. After she opens the pantry I get a toaster and toast bread for the instructors' breakfast. I also toast bread for the late boys. After breakfast I clean and sterilize the milk pails and do whatever there is to be done around the kitchen. At quarter past eleven the bell rings and I wash up for dinner.

Jay S. Vining

Hauling Gravel for the Dike

Lately the farm boys have been hauling gravel for the dike at the east side of the Island where the gravel or dirt has been washed out by the rains and the sea. When we leave the barn we at once begin to get a load. When the dump cart is about half full we start to get out onto the road for it is easier for the horses. We haul on the average of eight loads an afternoon. When we finish at four thirty we put the horses and team up and get ready for supper.

Wyllis A. West

Giving Out Tooth Powder

In the morning after I come down from playing reveille, I get the keys, go to the cupboard and get the tooth powder. Then I give it to the boys who want it. A boy should clean his teeth every morning. John M. Levis

Changes in Banking System

Our Banking system has lately been changed a little. Instead of having the banking open every night, we have it open only Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. We used to have watches and films and other things which the boys want to be sent over to the city, put in the bank. Now, all those things are put in the Trading Company which is another department next to the Banking Room. In the bank we have checks which the boys make out for breakage, or for things bought in Trading Company. We also have deposit slips and envelopes and request slips. The boys receive money various ways and when they get any they deposit it in the bank. If the boys wish things that are not sold in the Trading Company, they write a request slip to the Office and they get the thing they desire in the city. Henry P. Clifford

Learning Psalms

In our schoolroom for opening exercises we are learning different Psalms. We are now learning Psalm 24. We are given Bibles every morning so as to memorize our Psalms.

Bertrand R Easton

The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

James H. Graham, '77, President
Boston

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Chelsea

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Cambridge

Merton P. Ellis, '97, Secretary
25 Rockdale Street, Boston 26.

Augustus N. Doe, '75, Treasurer
Wellesley

Howard F. Lochrie, '16, Historian
West Roxbury

Ernest B. Favier, '77, has moved from 57 Dudley Street, Roxbury Massachusetts, to 131 Dudley Street, Roxbury 19.

Ralph H. Swenson, ex '21, has recently become employed by The Arnold Roberts Co. 180 Congress Street, Boston.

Albert E. Gerry, '99, has moved from 10 Myrtle Street, Boston, to 9 Colliston Road, Brookline 47, Massachusetts.

Selwyn G. Tinkham, '98, who for the past few years has spent the greater part of his time in travel, has purchased a 68 acre farm in Bridgewater, Massachusetts. He plans to do truck and dairy farming. His address is 7 Crescent Street, Bridgewater.

Donald S. MacPherson, '17, is living at 52 Park Avenue, Squantum 71, Massachusetts, having moved from 23 Madison Street West Medford.

Franklin P. Miller, '19, who a week ago underwent a serious operation for appendicitis, has left the Brattleboro Memorial hospital and has gone with his mother to Bridgewater Corners Vermont to recuperate. He will not return to Mount Hermon until the Spring term.

The Tool Chest

In our course in sloyd there are twenty-two models, the last one being the tool chest.

Any sloyd model can be sold to our friends except the chest, which is given to the maker when he leaves the School. The boys in the North Dormitory are allowed to keep their chests beside their beds, in which they keep personal possessions.

The chest is made of cypress, 26 inches long, 14 inches wide, and 10 and 1-2 inches deep with oak trimmings. It has a sliding till made of whitewood.

First the stock is cut out and planed to the right width and thickness, then the joints cut cut and it is screwed together. After this is done the bottom is screwed on with one and three quarter inch flat head screws. These screws are counter sunk into the bottom.

The trimmings are put on with glue and two inch brads. These trimmings are two inches wide and seven sixteenths inches thick, at the bottom, and one inch wide and seven sixteenths inches at the top.

Then the cover is put on. It is made with mortise and tenon joints with grooves one quarter of an inch wide and one quarter of an inch deep, into which fits a panel with grooves cut so that it fits into the frame, then the trimmings are put on the cover. They are three fourths of an inch wide and seven sixteenths thick.

The till is made of white wood with half blind dove tail joints. Then the lock and hinges are put on and the chest is given a good coat of linseed oil and then is shellacked. After this has dried it is given a couple of coats of varnish and then rubbed down to a dull finish. Then the handles are put on and the chest is finished,

Edward J. Robertson

Fixing Fires for the Morning

At night I go down to the shop and get a bucket of shavings and put them near the steam cooker, I then get three hods of coal from the wood cellar and some kindling wood and take them up to the kitchen so the fire may be started in the morning. Wolcott M. Wright

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The Auto Show

One day some boys and I were told to get ready for the Auto Show. After we changed into our uniforms, we went up to the Reading Room. In about thirty minutes we went down to the Wharf and boarded the Steamer for City Point. In a little while we arrived at Mechanics Building. We then divided into groups and went to see the automobiles. Some of the cars we saw were; Stutz, Ford, Buick, Marmon, Packard, Studebaker, Ace, Oakland, Hudson, etc. Some of the autos had parts of their machinery taken away so the works could be seen, also some had large mirrors to show the under side of the machinery.

Then we went up to the other end of the hall and saw some other makes. There were also many engines on exhibition. One of the things we saw was a windshield cleaner, also many kinds of lubricating oils. We then went down two flights of stairs to where the heavy trucks were. Some of them were; Mac, White, Stanley, Northway, etc. We also saw some motors of fire engines. We were thankful for the chance to go to the Show.

George A. Adams

Class Dance

On Tuesday evening, March 10, the First Class had a dance. Each member of the First Class invited someone from one of the other classes to dance. I was one of those invited. We changed into our uniforms and filed to the Assembly Hall, first the guests, then the graduates and last of all the First Class who were cheered as they entered. The decorations were very pretty. They consisted of crepe paper streamers, blue and gold, around and between the lights. In one part of the room there was a cozy corner made into a sort of a throne. Near the piano was the orchestra. There were six peices; a cornet, trombone, two violins, a piano and a drum. The orchestra was organized by Wesley Angell, a graduate of our School. They rendered some very good dance music. After dancing awhile an intermisson was called and refreshments consisting of punch, ice cream and cookies were served. At about midnight we filed to bed. Those invited wish to thank the First Class for the good time they received. The dance was a huge success.

Ivers E. Winmill

Friends' Days

Each year, beginning in May, we have Friends' Days. Generally we have one each month but once in a while we have two in one month. On Friends' Days we put our uniforms on just about an hour after dinner. Then we line up in fours and march down to the Wharf. When we come to the Wharf we form in two lines on each side. Then we face around toward each other and wait until a steamer of the Nantasket Line comes with our friends. After everybody has left the steamer, the Band marches between the two lines of boys and then we fall in line by fours again and march up the Avenue and onto the front lawn. The Band then plays a few selections and after our Superintendent has made a short address to our friends, we are dismissed. Then we show our friends

around the different departments. About 4:30 P. M. the bell rings and we go down to the Wharf with our friends and wait for the steamer. Just as the steamer is leaving our Wharf, we give three cheers for our friends.

LEANDER E. DOREY

Making Ice Cream

The day of the Class Dance another boy and I made three gallons of icecream for the dance. We first got the cream then the Kitchen Instructor put some flavoring in it. Next we chopped ice. We then put the cream in the gallon can and put the ice around the can. We churned until it was done and the ice cream was hard. We liked this work very much and enjoyed eating it too.

CHARLES C. SHAW

Wireless Telephone

I have a Wireless set here, from which we may hear very clearly the broadcasts from "W. G. I." or in other words, the Massachusetts Radio Research Corporation, which is at Medford Hillside, Massachusetts. We receive their broadcasts every night in the week. The broadcasts vary, sometimes there is instrumental music and singing, and at other times there are lectures. First always comes the Police reports, which begin exactly at 8:00 P. M. every evening except Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Tuesday and Thursday evenings, first comes the bedtime stories, which are then followed by the Police reports and then the rest of the program. On Sundays there are sermons given by different ministers, and classical music. On weekly nights popular music is played at times.

ALEXANDER Y. DAVISON

Sunday Evening Services

On Sunday evenings after line up we go to Chapel for our regular services. We usually have hymn singing and on various evenings different Instructors take charge making it like a Christian Endeavor meeting. On some Sundays we have stereoptican lectures instead.

JOHN A. ARKERSON

The Cottage Row Police

The Cottage Row Police Force consists of Chief, Lieutenant, Sergeant and five Patrolman. The Chief of Police is appointed by the Mayor, and he then selects whom he wants to complete the rest of the Force. They serve for a term of three months and are paid for their services by the Treasurer when their time expires. Their duty is to keep order on Cottage Row, stop fights and playing on Sundays. They also keep order on the Playgrounds at elections and caucuses, etc.

SAMUEL L. WHITEHEAD

A Telescope

Last Saturday Mr. Swasey gave me permission to use the telescope. When it is fully open it is about 3 feet long. With it you can bring things miles away, plainly to your view. One thing I find interesting is to find out the different names of vessels steaming or sailing out of the harbor, and the flags they carry. The names of some of the boats I saw go out were, the "Agwihavre", the "Knight of the Garter", the "Eastern Guide" and the six masted schooner, "Wyoming". It is a very interesting and instructive nautical instrument.

ROGER K. SMITH

Picture Collections

Much ofour spare time is spent in collecting pictures of different kinds. There are various kinds of collections, the most prominent being baseball, football, basketball, hockey, stamps, animal pictures, poems, racing, boats, boxing, aircraft and jokes. We get these out of the different papers and magazines. Baseball, football, basketball, racing, hockey and boxing are taken from the sporting pages. Baseball pictures are also taken from the Baseball Magazine. Stamps, we buy from our Trading Company or from Stamp Companies in packets. Boats and aircraft pictures are taken mostly from the papers. We get jokes from the papers and magazines. These pictures are kept in large scrapbooks. We enjoy them very much.

KENNETH E. KEARNS

Some Pictures

There are thirteen pictures in our School Room. There are five on the east side, two on the south side, four on the west side and two on the north side. There are some pictures that take our thoughts back to the Revolutionary War and some to ancient times. For instance, we have a framed picture of Magna Charta besides a picture of the ruins of Acropolis in Greece. A picture of the Santa Maria, the flagship of Columbus, interests us much. It is quite different from ships sailing in and out of our harbor. Others that we like are Washington on his horse, an Indian warrior, a maiden and a picture of Priscilla and John Alden. But one we like best is the beautiful picture of Washington's home Mt. Vernon. We are also proud of the framed proclamation written by Governor Coolidge during the strike a year ago which is accompanied by his picture. GEORGE A. ADAMS

Basketball Game

Tuesday night at 7:30 there was a basketball game between team C and D. The captains were Drown and Kearns. Team D has been unfortunate in being defeated every game this season except Tuesday night, when they won. The score was 23 to 12. We were all glad to see team D win a game.

BURTON DORMAN

Pruning Trees

For the last week some of the Farm boys have been pruning trees. First the old dead branches are cut off, and then the ends are painted over with creosote to keep the rain from soaking in and killing the tree, and also preventing insects from getting in. This makes the trees look prettier and keeps them from dying.

STANLEY W. HIGGINS

Giving Out Marbles

Yesterday the Supervisor said he would give out marbles. After dinner he told the boys who wanted marbles to stay around the Assembly Room. After we were dismissed he told us to line up and he gave us each our share of the marbles. THOMAS A. HALL

The Two New Companies

On March 16, our Supervisor organized two new companies, A and B. We line up every morning after we have washed and brushed our teeth, etc. and go through a series of drill work. After this, we march to a place on the Campus and do some setting up exercises. We like these very much, as they help us to improve our general appearence a lot. When these are finished we march down to the Main Building, and after executing a few orders from our Captains, they dismiss us.

SAMUEL L. WHITEHEAD

A Trip to the Navy Yard

Last Saturday the First Grade boys took a trip to the Navy Yard. We went up the harbor on the Castle Island side. We saw the training ship, "Nantucket", the "Constitution", several submarines, submarine chasers, destroyers, and three battleships, including the "Virginia" and "New Jersey". We saw many freighters unloading and loading coal, lumber and other things. We then turned, coming down the other side of the Navy Yard and back to the Island. IVERS WINMILL

A Walk Around the Beach

Sunday afternoon, before church, a number of the boys took a walk around the beach. We made notes of any interesting things we saw. A number of pictures of boys doing different stunts were taken. We enjoyed it very much

DONALD MCKENZIE

Our Motto

Our teacher writes a motto on the board once a month. One day as I came into school rather downhearted I noticed on the board this motto. It cheered me up greatly. It means a great deal to us. It reads as follows;

Yesterday is dead,
Forget it.
Tomorrow does not exist.
Don't worry,
To-day is here,
Use it.

LEON G. ANDREWS

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Lost, yesterday, somewhere between sunrise and sunset,
Two golden hours,
Each set with sixty diamond minutes.
No reward offered, for they are gone forever.

Horace Mann

Most all people have set tasks to do which occupy a definite portion of their time. They may have very little or not any choice as to what they do during this time. They are doing their daily work or task. Each one may put his earnest endeavor into his work or he may do the daily task merely because it is his work.

Aside from our regular tasks we have our leisure moments or playtime. This time is our own to use as we wish. The choice is ours to use it to good advantage or in harmful and useless pursuits.

There are various ways in which a boy may utilize his spare time. He may use his leisure time in doing those things that are injurious to his health and character or he may use his leisure time to benefit himself by increasing his knowledge by reading and studying life as we find it all about us in birds, trees, plants and animals. He may increase his physical strength by joining in baseball, football, basketball and other games, or his manual skill by working in the Carpenter Shop or in the Printing Office.

Every boy should learn to make things and should develop curiosity enough to want to know how mechanical things are put together and how they run. Tools should not have an awkward feeling in his hands. There are many boys who are confused and helpless when asked to repair or alter some little piece of work or machinery. They are totally unfamiliar with it because they have not used their leisure time to advantage and have not been anxious to learn and understand the common things. They have preferred to waste their time doing those things that are of no consequence.

One morning not long ago an intelligent-looking man of middle age was noticed sitting and bemoaning the fact that he was to have an unoccupied day in a city with which he was not

familiar. Only two possible solutions of the problem as how best to spend a tiresome day suggested themselves to him — the Sunday newspaper and sleep. Church, music, books, the woods, a quiet walk — none of these made any appeal to him. He only yawned, bored at the mere thought that here was a whole day at his disposal and positively nothing to do. It was really sad to realize that here was a man whose life was more than half gone and who when left to himself was helpless to enjoy it.

Each day as it comes has twenty-four hours for our use. Part of this time must be given to our duties, and part to sleep and replenishing our bodies with nourishment. The remainder may be wasted or lost, or they may indeed be golden hours for us by using them wisely and carefully.

Calendar

March 2 Observatory Staff held meeting this evening.

March 3 A new boy, James Brain, was admitted to the School this afternoon.

March 4 All First Grade boys were taken on a trip down the Harbor this afternoon.

March 6 Began putting hot beds in shape for planting.

March 7 Meeting of Cottage Row Aldermen was held this evening to go over the tax list.

March 8 Terrific wind storm during the night broke up gangway and float at City Point.

Another new boy, Edward L. Floyd, entered the School.

First Graders party this evening.

March 9 Pilgrim went to East Boston this morning to tow down new float for City Point landing.

March 10 A. R. Mann, Dean of Agriculture at Cornell University, and former Instructor at The Farm and Trades School, was here for the afternoon.

Dance by the First Class this evening. Music was provided by orchestra from in town with Wesley C. Angell, '17, as director.

March 11 A representative of the Public Health Commission made an inspection of the barns and cattle today.

Team A defeated Team B at basketball this afternoon, 24-22.

March 12 The Instructors were taken on a cruise around Long Island.

March 13 Started cleaning beach.

March 14 Basketball game this evening, Team D won from Team C with a score 23-14.

March 15 Vice-President Charles E. Mason and Rev. Albert Crabtree of West Roxbury visited the School this afternoon.

March 16 Through the courtesy of Mr. Walter D. Norwood, '05, and Mr. C. I. Campbell, fourteen boys attended the Automobile Show at Mechanics Hall today.

March 17 Farm and Trades School Trading Company stock replenished to-day.

President Arthur Adams and Asst. Treasurer Alfred C. Malm were here this afternoon.

March 18 Basketball game this afternoon. Team A defeated Team C, 29-9.

March 19 Mr. Selwyn G. Tinkham, '98, of Bridgewater visited the School this afternoon.

Started making repairs on Farmhouse Path.

March 21 The School team defeated the Advanced Class at Basketball this evening, score 25 to 20.

President Arthur Adams and Asst. Treasurer Alfred C. Malm were here for the afternoon.

March 22 There was a Grade Party in the Gymnasium to-night.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Shaw of North Easton who were formerly Instructors at the Farm and Trades School, visited the School this afternoon.

March 24 School closed to-day for the annual Spring vacation of one week.

Twelve Harvard students, accompanied by Mr. Walter I. Tibbitts came over and gave us an

unusually fine entertainment this evening. This was made possible through the efforts of Mr. Tibbitts and Mr. Arthur Beane.

Manager W. B. Foster was here for the afternoon.

March 25 Team B won 32-11 from Team D tonight at basketball.

March 26 Ten boys accompanied by two Instructors attended the Spring Flower Exhibit in Horticultural Hall this afternoon.

A Biblical drama was given this evening by a number of boys assisted by Mr. Bonney and Misses Morse and Smith of Gordon Bible School.

March 28 Basketball game tonight. Team A won from Team D 31-4.

Sorted vegetables in root cellar.

March 29 President Arthur Adams and Assistant Treasurer Alfred C. Malm were here for the afternoon.

A trial was held this evening to dispose of a number of arrests by the Cottage Row Police.

Mr. Arthur Beane visited the School this afternoon and spoke briefly to the boys this evening.

Rollin A. Furbush, '18, stopped here en-route to Colby Academy.

Cyrus Durgin, '21, student at Colby Academy, here for the night.

March 31 Towed old float to East Boston this morning.

Desmond Anderson, '21, left the School today and has gone to live with Mr. Selwyn G. Tinkham, '98, to help him on his farm.

Calendar 50 Years Ago 1872

AS KEPT BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

March 5 The coldest day of the winter, 2° below zero at 7 A. M. Windy and cold.

March 6 2° below zero at 7 A. M.

March 13 Cold. 13° above zero. A good deal of thin ice in bay, and ground covered with snow.

March 15 Severe snow squalls. Wind west and strong. Ten Irishmen engaged in digging clams were driven on shore. I gave them food and warmth. They left at night.

March 16 Cold. 12° above zero. Winter has a liking for "lingering in the lap of spring" this year surely.

March 17 Pleasant. Joseph Partridge (farmer) reported this morning that our fine Jersey bull, 2 and 1-2 years old, was dead. In some way he had got his horn so caught that in attempting to rise he had lost his balance, and falling over, broke his neck. He was a fine animal from imported stock.

March 19 Mr. Deblois came in a boat from the Point. Self and boys carried him over at night, the wind blowing a gale ahead. We got badly wet and chilled. Too bad for anyone to cross, only to save life.

March 20 Crossed on ice to Atlantic Station.

March 24 Cold again, wind west. Shall we ever have spring and warm weather?

March 27 A snow - storm. Mild, but about six inches fell in few hours.

March 31 The last of stormy blustering March. A long tedious month, unusually cold. School has been in full force, and the family all well, for which we are all thankful.

March Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 65° on the 14th and 26th.

Minimum Temperature 21° on the 1st.

Mean Temperature for the month 39°.

Total precipitation .67 inches.

Greatest precipitation in 24 hours .50 inches on the 30th and 31st.

Two days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 10 clear days, 3 partly cloudy, 18 cloudy.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Cash on hand Mar. 1, 1922	$1080.37
Deposited during the month	90.38
	$1170.75
Withdrawn during the month	211.56
Cash on hand Apr. 1, 1922	959.19

My Work at the Observatory

At twelve o'clock each day I go to the Observatory. My work is to change the record of the quadruple register. After this is done I put ink on the sunshine, wind velocity, and the wind direction pens. The clock-work is wound up every noon. Later I go up stairs and take the temperatures, these require three thermometers, minimum, maximum, and mean. The minimum shows how low the temperature has been during the day. The maximum shows how high the temperature has been during the day. The mean temperature is the one at the time the readings are taken. WALDO E. LIBBY

Going to Town

One Saturday after the Band came up from the Band Hall I was told to get ready for town. I quickly got into my uniform and went to the Office. Here I met an Instructor who had asked to take me to town. I went down to the steamer and was soon on a car for the theatre. We went to see The Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court. It was funny and I enjoyed it very much. We then went to lunch. Later we went to see another show and when we came out it was nearly five o'clock so we started for home and was soon at the Island. I thanked my teacher for giving me such a fine time.

GEORGE L. LANGILL

Taking Down Decorations

Saturday morning, March 11, some of the First Class boys took down the decorations that we had used at the dance the night before. We first removed the cozy corner, folding the draperies and putting them in a box. We next took down the gold and blue trimmings, which were rolled up and put in a box also. After all the decorations were down we returned the plants and benches to their places. After this was finished no one would imagine anything unusual had happened. HENRY P. CLIFFORD

A Trip Around the Beach

One Sunday after dinner our Instructor said that any of the boys could go around the Beach at one o'clock. At that time we started off towards South End. We walked till we came to a place where David Thompson's cabin once stood. There are only some stones and red bricks there now. After looking at the place we went on, till we came to a high place where some of the boys jumped off. One of the boy's picture was taken by the Supervisor when he was in the air. My picture was taken with a baseball bat we found on the Beach and another doing my daily exercise as the boys call it. We had a good time and I hope there will be another walk again soon.

WILLARD G. SCHROEDER

A Trial

On March 29, there was a trial in the East Basement. Mr. Beane, a former Supervisor, was our guest. Our Judge was Ralph L. Langille. There were about four cases postponed for lack of witnesses. Most of the prisoners had to report to the Street Commissioner for work, after the trial was over. Mr. Beane then gave us a short talk about the officers of Cottage Row. WILLIAM E. ERICSSON

Breaking Up a Landing Float

A while ago the Farm boys started to take an old float apart. We first took off the sideboards and took them up to the road where they were to be carried off by a team to the woodpile. Here they were to be sawed into Bakery wood about three feet long. After the sideboards were removed we started the beams. This was quite a job as they came hard. The next day we knocked the end off with our sledge hammers. When this was done we took the middle partition out. This ended that day's work. The next day we took the other end off and carried that up also. The next day we started taking the bottom off by propping it up and pounding the boards with axes and hammers. We took four ribs off that afternoon. The next day we took four more ribs off, and the next day we dragged the eight half ribs and what remained of the float to the woodpile.

WYLLIS A. WEST

The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

James H. Graham, '77, President
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Wellesley

Howard F. Lochrie, '16, Historian
West Roxbury

Edwin L. Marshall, '88, has moved from 42 Sunnyside Street, Hyde Park to 77 Summit Street, Hyde Park 36, Massachusetts.

Antonio V. Maciel, '16, 160 King Street, Northampton, Massachusetts, has recently accepted a position as salesman for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

Samuel J. Simmons, '51, is now located in Dorchester 24. His address is 180 Norfolk St.

Cyrus W. Durgin, '21, a freshman at Kimball Union Acadamy has written an interesting letter about his school course.

Frank W. Wallace, '82, has changed his residence from 253 Elm Street to 836 Highland Avenue, West Somerville, Massachusetts.

Henry C. Lowell, '20, has written from New London, Connecticut. His address is 15 Congress Street.

The Ash Pile

Wednesday morning after breakfast, the Supervisor sent three boys to the ash pile behind the Power House. Each boy had to get a pick and shovel to get the ashes up. We took turns wheeling the ashes down to the large pile on Willow Road. Tuesday three boys carried 21 wheel-barrows of ashes. We tried to beat the record so we wheeled down 31 wheelbarrows full and got the record. We then went to school. Thursday we are going to try to wheel down 35 loads. Albert Cheney

Getting the Sick Boys' Meals

The first thing I do is to see how many boys are sick in bed and what they should eat. Some have tea and toast,and others, hot or cold milk and toast or something else. I then make three slices of toast for each boy. I make the tea and pour out the milk or whatever it happens to be. It is then brought to the Dormitory. When the boys have finished I bring the dishes to the Dining Room, wash and wipe them and put them away. Hebert E. Noble

Going After Beet Pulp

On Tuesday February 7, three other boys and I were told to go after beet pulp We started at eight o'clock in the morning. When we reached City Point we received the beet pulp from a truck and carried it onto the steamer which took it to our Wharf where we unloaded it. Then we harnessed the new team and hauled the beet pulp to the Barn where it is stored to feed the cows. Arthur R. Blackwell

Working in the Office

One morning I was sent to the Office to help wax the floor. I was told to start washing the floor. After the floor was washed, another boy and I started putting on the wax, while another polished it. In this way we soon had the floor all waxed. Leander E. Dorey

Basketball

Tuesday evening there was a basketball game between the Graduates and the School team. It was very exciting and the score was 25-18 in favor of the School team.

Jack Hobson